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Problematic summer for Halifax cops

POLICE It hasn't been a great summer for Halifax Regional Police.

A week ago, the force charged one of its own, Const. Todd Rideout, with three counts of theft. It suspended another officer with pay last week, who it won't identify, pending an investigation into alleged misconduct.

The force is also doing an internal investigation into Halifax off-duty officers' role in a June 22 incident in Digby. Two young black men, Nathaniel Drummond and William Fells, say off-duty cops in town for a charity event hurled racial insults at them, and Tasered Drummond in the confrontation that followed.

But it's been a great couple of weeks for prisoners wanting to escape custody. Jermaine Carvery got out of leg restraints in April and wasn't caught until early June. And on June 26, Michael Slaunwhite and Vincent John Ryan Currie got out of their leg irons at Dartmouth provincial court and tried to escape from a sheriff's van; they were caught.

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Have a safe weekend
Metro will not publish Monday, Aug. 4. Look for the next edition on Tuesday.

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Backstreet's back (in Halifax)



A pair of RCMP officers stand in front of an accident scene on Highway 7 and MacLaughlin Road yesterday. Raymond Gary Stroud, who escaped police custody on Wednesday, was apprehended after a three-car accident. INSET: Stroud.

Police capture escapee after three-vehicle crash

Man arrested on Wednesday, caught again yesterday

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Procedures followed?

Theresa Rath, a Halifax Regional Police spokeswoman, said they'll be looking into Stroud's escape from police to see if policies were followed. She said officers usually don't put handcuffs or leg irons on prisoners when they're making phone calls.

A man who walked away from police headquarters on Wednesday was arrested by police last night after a crash in Dartmouth.

Raymond Gary Stroud, 25, was arrested at 4:20 p.m. Wednesday outside a house on Brule Street in Dartmouth for breaching house arrest. He was on house arrest from a September 2007 break-and-enter charge.

Thirty minutes later, he was taken to a holding room at police headquarters on Gottingen Street to make a phone call. When an-

other prisoner threatened to hurt himself, all the officers in the booking area rushed to stop him — and Stroud ran out a nearby door.

Police were still searching for him last night when an officer

spotted Stroud and a woman get into a stolen black Pontiac Sunfire on Roleika Drive at around 5 p.m. The police officer was reaching inside the car when Stroud allegedly drove off, dragging the officer a short distance. He was not seriously injured.

Stroud took off towards Cole Harbour. The vehicle was spotted by the RCMP several times, but Stroud slipped away.

RCMP spokesman Sgt. Mark Gallagher said they didn't want to give chase because it was too dangerous in rush-hour traffic.

"The vehicle wasn't pursued at all, they were just trying to corner the vehicle," he said. "Then one of

the police who found him witnessed a collision where he struck two other vehicles."

The Sunfire hit a car and a van at Highway 7 and MacLaughlin Road at 5:25 p.m.

"One person, who doesn't seem to be in serious condition, was transferred to the hospital, and the other individual who was in the collision does not seem to be injured," Gallagher said.

Stroud and his companion were arrested and taken to the hospital for treatment of non-life threatening injuries. Gallagher said he didn't know how the woman in the car was connected to Stroud.

Charges are pending.

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Support, criticism for four-day work week



A customer leaves a Money Mart in Halifax yesterday.

Critics say limits for payday loans offer little benefit

JON TATTRE
for Metro Halifax

The Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board yesterday set limits on how much payday-loan companies can charge customers in interest and fees, but critics doubt customers will benefit.

The maximum cost of borrowing for the stop-gap loans provided by companies like the Cash Store and Money Mart is now \$31 per \$100, with a limit of \$40 in case of default. Nova Scotia is the second province to use new powers to regulate the industry. Manitoba set a 17 per cent limit on the first \$500 borrowed, 15 per cent on the second \$500 and six per cent on loans over \$1,500.

Payday loans are typically less than \$300 and taken for about two weeks, the board found.

David Cameron, the lawyer who represented consumers at the hearing, is skeptical. He had argued for the Manitoba approach. He compared the board's "market-place approach" to another regulated industry: gas prices.

"I tend to see that the price at the pumps is the upper end set by the regulator," he said, suggesting the same will be true in the pay-day loans industry.

"I remain unconvinced that (the market-place approach) will be proven to be correct."

But Stan Keyes, president of the Canadian Payday Loan Association, said the decision will ensure a competitive lending industry and protect consumers.

"Nova Scotia heavily relied on solid evidence and expert witnesses regarding the payday-loan industry and payday-loan customers," said Keyes. "Today's ruling on rates recognizes the responsible, educated consumers that require access to this important form of credit."

"I remain unconvinced that (the market-place approach) will be proven correct."

David Cameron, consumers' lawyer

The board said it had to set the rate high enough to foster a competitive and fiscally viable industry while ensuring borrowers are not charged excessive rates. It also wanted to protect the "uninformed borrower" from getting scorched by unexpectedly high rates.

Rates in Nova Scotia previously ranged from \$15 to \$35 per \$100.

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Some expressed skepticism yesterday at the idea of a four-day work week, while others want to see it across the country.

As reported yesterday in Metro, Energy Minister Richard Hurlburt said his department is looking at the costs and benefits of allowing government employees to work 10-hour shifts Monday through Thursday.

The idea is to lighten the burden on the environment, but one provincial employee said the change could put more of a burden on stressed workers.

"Everybody wants a day off, but realistically I don't think it's going to work," said Monique Drisdelle.

"People are working a lot of long hours, they can't seem to get ahead. Everybody's getting more and more burnt out. So I don't know, by cutting down by a full day, how that's really going to affect their productivity."



Gerald Crick sits in Parade Square yesterday, which could some day be his Friday if he has his way.

"There's less traffic coming into the city and reduced pollution ... I don't know why they didn't think of stuff like that sooner."
Gerald Crick, federal employee

But Gerald Crick, employed by the federal government, thinks the idea can work once people get used to it, and would like to see it spread across Canada.

"I think it's a great idea. I'd be willing to work a 40-hour week and get it all in in four days," he said.

"The idea is about the environment. There's less traffic coming into the city

and reduced pollution ... I don't know why they didn't think of stuff like that sooner. But I think that's just changing those norms."

Minister Hurlburt said yesterday that there were many factors to consider — including talks with unions and private businesses — and it'll be some time before a decision is made.

Police say gas mistakenly pumped into water tank led to motor boat fire

VAPOURS A powerboat operator got a real shock yesterday morning when he started up his speedboat — and it caught fire.

Halifax regional firefighters from the Spryfield fire station were called to the Purcell's Cove yacht club at 11:23 a.m. They quickly doused the fire and no one was hurt.

Investigators later discovered gas had been mistakenly pumped into the water tank. No crime is suspected.

"It resulted in gasoline vapours in the engine chamber. When the operator started the engine, there was an explosion," fire department spokesman Dave Meldrum

said yesterday.

The fire, he said, was huge: "I could see the smoke from Dartmouth."

Meldrum said to be safe, boaters should make sure to totally vent their tanks before and after fueling, and to make sure no one else is on the boat while gassing up.

RACHEL BOOMER/METRO HALIFAX

Aliant cuts 4.6 M sheets of paper: Report

FOOTPRINT Aliant released its 2007 sustainability report yesterday.

Atlantic Canada's communications giant said its employees had saved more than 15,000 tonnes of carbon-dioxide equivalents (CO2e) and used 4.6 million fewer sheets of paper, compared to the previous year. "At Aliant, we're commit-

ted to helping the communities in which we live and improving our environmental performance for future generations," said Marcus Goodick, manager for environment and sustainability.

The CO2e savings are about equal to that used by 2,150 homes over a one-year period and the paper equals 600 trees, Aliant said.

The company's paperless-billing option was cited as one factor in this reduction.

This year marked the first time Aliant calculated its carbon footprint. This baseline footprint of 105,000 tonnes of CO2e is being analyzed and will lead to the development of a comprehensive emissions reduction plan. **METRO HALIFAX**

Tuesday's Metro



Channel surfing

Columnist Rick McGinnis keeps you up-to-date in the world of television with Intellevision.

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Federal NDP Leader Jack Layton and Halifax West NDP candidate Tamara Lorincz speak to the media at a press conference at the Halifax Ferry Terminal yesterday. He said he'd like to invest \$37.6 million over four years in Halifax's transit system.

NDP would fund transit

Layton announces cap-and-trade system in response to Grit 'Green Plan'

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Jack Layton wants to give Metro Transit a lot of money.

The federal NDP leader was in Halifax yesterday to promise money for transit as a counter to the Liberal's Green Plan.

Rather than a carbon tax, Layton suggested a cap on polluters who would pay if they go over the limit. The money generated would go towards 'solutions' like public transit. Plus he wants to

"It would come from the gas tax people are already paying — so no increase there — and it would come from big polluters."

NDP Leader Jack Layton

take one cent a litre from the federal gas tax and pour it into transit.

"Across the country, that would give an infusion of cash every single year — cash raised from the people using the transportation system," he said near the Halifax ferry terminal.

"It would come from the gas tax people are al-

ready paying — so no increase there — and it would come from big polluters."

He said Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion's carbon tax would cost Halifax's transit \$2 million over four years in diesel tax, but his plan would invest \$37.6 million.

But it would mean Nova Scotia Power, which uses

coal-fired plants, could face penalties for polluting, and they could pass it on to their customers.

"The first hope is the big polluters would look at their own operations and say let's start investing in cleaning them up," Layton responded.

A cap-and-trade system would take years to implement, said Liberal MP Geoff Regan in an interview.

"I think what's remarkable is the NDP leader would come to Halifax and talk about what an NDP government would do for transit as if there

was any chance of that happening," Regan said.

He called Layton 'irrelevant' because most Canadians wouldn't consider voting NDP.

Plus Liberals have committed to spend on green infrastructure if the surplus is over \$3 billion, Regan added.

Laena Garrison, with the ecology action centre, said she likes the NDP idea of stable, annual funding for transit.

Mayor Peter Kelly, who met with Layton on Wednesday, said the plan has a lot of merit.

Mayor wants Transit cops

SECURITY A day after a bus driver was molested by a passenger, the mayor put out a call for a transit police force.

"Having transit or security police patrolling our transit vehicles and system would improve that safety and security and allow drivers to focus on doing their jobs — transporting passengers safely," said Mayor Peter Kelly in a statement yesterday.

He's calling for a security system like those in cities such as Calgary, Ottawa and Vancouver. It could include uniformed or plain-clothed officers patrolling and riding transit.

"We have to find the combination of factors that will work best for our system, and that will involve input from passengers, Metro Transit drivers and administration, police and council," he said.

Because of several assaults on drivers in the past year, Metro Transit will be installing cameras on their buses by the fall.

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News in brief

SEIZURE A 25-year-old male will appear in court at a later date to face charges of possession for the purpose of trafficking after members of the police drug unit searched a building on Dartmouth's Rosedale Drive on Wednesday. Police seized including a quantity of ecstasy, marijuana and Oxycontin pills. An undisclosed amount of cash was also seized. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

School boards may get power to discipline members: Casey

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EDUCATION The education minister pitched a plan yesterday to give elected school boards the power to boot each other out of the sandbox when they misbehave.

Karen Casey's proposed changes to the Education Act include giving elected school boards the power to discipline other members, in the form of a public reprimand, suspension or recommendation to the minister to be fired.

"I want the board chair and the full board to be accountable for the behaviour of their members," she said.

Right now, the minister can only fire entire boards,

get involved

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as she did to the Halifax Regional School Board in December 2006, and the Strait Regional School Board in May 2005 due to their constant bickering.

"In order to allow the board to remain intact and function, it may be necessary to remove some individuals from around that table," she said.

Under Casey's plan, disciplined board members could appeal their censure

through an adjudicator.

Every board member would have to take an oath of office and pledge to abide by a code of ethics.

The proposal also gives the minister power to appoint people to replace a fired member.

Casey says byelections are costly and voter turnout is extremely low.

Her plan would also change the term of the board chair from two years to one and allow the minister to appoint one or more people to replace an entire board, instead of just one.

Casey isn't making any final decisions until she hears from the public. She launched a public consultation yesterday, which she says will shape new rules to be introduced this fall.

Cape-to-Cape Students unveil hiking shelter



Students from Dalhousie University's Faculty of Architecture work on a prototype hiking shelter for Cape Breton's Cape-to-Cape Trail. The huts would be placed along the 400km route from Cape Chignecto to Cape George to allow hikers to cook and sleep inside during the trek. The prototype will be on display on the Spring Garden Road campus until Aug. 18.

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Woman's family suing over fatal collision

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The family of a young woman killed in a head-on collision last summer in Dartmouth is now suing

those they believe were responsible — one teenage male driver and the male who also died in the crash.

Allyson Kinley, 23 and Alex Lambert, 20, were both killed on Main Street

when their cars collided last August. After the crash, it was widely speculated Lambert was street racing at the time of the crash.

A teen, who cannot be named because he was 17

at the time of the crash, pleaded guilty to the charge of dangerous driving stemming from the accident. He was banned from driving for two years and will return to court in September for further sen-

tencing.

The Kinley family is now suing the teen and the estate of Alex Lambert. The lawsuit claims Kinley's death was the result of negligence and dangerous driving by the two parties.

Second small fire at plant in Hantsport

MINAS BASIN A call went out at about 10:30 p.m. July 28, reporting a small fire at the Minas Basin Pulp and Power plant in Hantsport. It was the second fire reported there in less than a month.

The two blazes do not appear to be related.

Hantsport Fire Chief Paul Maynard said the fire started in the same location as the larger one began earlier that month.

This time, however, firefighters and employees of the plant were able to knock the fire down before it spread to the ventilation system and the roof.

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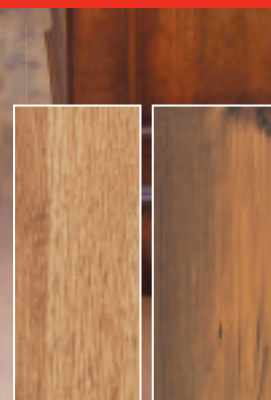
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MacMillan to run for mayor of New Glasgow

OCTOBER ELECTIONS The former executive director of the chamber of commerce has announced his intention of running for mayor of New Glasgow in the October municipal elections.

Barrie MacMillan was born and educated in the town. He served for 19 years with the chamber, driving a growth in membership of more than 300 per cent while connecting local businesses to each other and opportunities provincially and nationally.

Prior to his work with the chamber, MacMillan was president and general manager of Cameron and Fraser (1972) Limited, a Pictou County wood products manufacturer with 55 employees.

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Conciliator to aid paramedic talks

CONTRACT A conciliator has been appointed to help Nova Scotia paramedics and Emergency Medical Care Inc. reach a contract agreement.

The paramedics, members of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 727, have been without a contract since the end of March and after almost two months of talks, very little headway has been made, prompting the union to request a conciliator.

Terry Chapman, chief negotiator for the IUOE, said conciliation talks are scheduled for Sept. 16-17. Chapman said the employer has stated they have no mandate to talk money, which made negotiations virtually impossible.

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Expect delays on Cunard Street

Motorists travelling on Cunard Street over the next few months can expect delays because of construction, repaving, and curb, gutter and sidewalk work. It is expected to be completed in October. **METRO HALIFAX**

Graduates feel fortunate

New program offers language, leadership courses for UAE students

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Future leaders of the United Arab Emirates are being shaped in Halifax.

Fifteen recent university graduates, who were hand-picked out of thousands of applicants by their government to come here, completed the business English language portion of a new Dalhousie University program. Yesterday, they received their certificates.

Student Noura Saif says she was promised a top government position after completing the program. "I'm lucky to have been chosen," said Saif of Abu Dhabi, who recently graduated with a business degree.

She said the program is completely funded by her government in exchange for three years of work post-graduation.

"It's a very good opportunity to be in Canada, to have an international work placement and local (UAE) work placement," Saif said.

Dal's College of Continuing Education Qada Leadership Program is part of a three-year contract the university recently signed with the Ministry of Presi-



Recent United Arab Emirates university graduates, who were hand-picked out of thousands of applicants by their government to come here, wait for their graduation certificates yesterday.

dential Affairs in Abu Dhabi.

Yesterday's class is the first of four to participate in the 18-month program, which involves language and leadership courses in

Halifax, and three work placements in Abu Dhabi and abroad.

At the end of the program, the students will go back to Abu Dhabi for "finishing school." The

Halifax-based professors will go there to teach it.

"It's to fill any gaps, make sure they've got a vision for their own leadership and graduation ceremony," said leadership de-

velopment professor Susan Holmes.

EduNova — the province's non-profit, export-focused education group — initiated the program.

News in brief

CRASH A head-on collision in Cape Breton left three people dead Wednesday. Brendan Shiels, 12, Daphne Wadlin, 54, and Patrick Mahon, 55, were pronounced dead at the scene. Shiels and Wadlin, both of Calgary, were in a car that collided with Mahon's van on Highway 105, near Orangedale. Mahon was from Cape Breton. Three other passengers are in critical condition in hospital. Police are investigating the cause of the crash.

CORMORANT Helicopter landings aren't exactly a daily occurrence in the Windsor Park area, but it happened yesterday morning. A Cormorant landed at the military property at the corner of Windsor and Oxford after returning from a medical evacuation. It had just taken a young fisherman with cardiac problems off a fishing vessel 150 miles off the coast of Halifax.

FUNDRAISER Matthew and Stacy Fraser know all too well what it's like to spend time with a loved one inside the IWK Children's Hospital. The couple have spent countless hours there since the birth of their 11-month-old daughter Caitlyn as she receives treatments for the symptoms of Lissencephaly, an extremely rare incurable disease. "It's become such an important place for Stacy and I because of Caitlyn and we wanted to do something to give back," said Fraser from the family's home in Greenfield. To show their appreciation, the couple have organized the first annual Caitlyn Fraser IWK fundraiser golf tournament. **METRO HALIFAX**

Energy

Scrap gas regulation: McNeil

PRICES With Amherst gas stations struggling to compete with cheaper fuel prices across the border, Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil is renewing his call for the province to scrap the regulation of gas prices. "Government needs to recognize that it needs to allow business people to operate their businesses. This government should not be stepping in the way of business and, in effect, closing businesses because of inflated prices," McNeil said. **METRO HALIFAX**

News in brief

CAPE BRETON Travel and Leisure magazine has named Cape Breton Island the No. 1 best island to visit in the continental United States and Canada. The magazine also named Cape Breton Island the No. 10 island in the world to visit. **METRO HALIFAX**

Public-private partnership projects slammed by critics

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The province is moving ahead with three new public-private partnership projects, but not everyone is happy about it.

The projects include new corrections facilities in Antigonish and Cumberland counties, twinning of Highway 104 from Sutherlands River to the Canso Causeway, and a mobile radio system to be used by police, fire and other first responders.

"A big part of this is transfer of risk," said Transportation Minister Murray Scott of partnering with the private sector.

"So transfer of risk to the private sector when agreements are signed (can) guarantee certain things. Obviously, they would be compensated on

"We've just seen one of the biggest boondoggles ever in New Brunswick where the government privatized a section of the TransCanada. That deal netted more than a billion dollars for the private developer over and above costs."

CUPE Nova Scotia president Danny Cavanagh

their ability to meet those requirements."

The Canadian Union of Public employees slammed the announcement, saying such partnerships typically end up costing taxpayers millions of dollars.

"We've just seen one of the biggest boondoggles ever in New Brunswick where the government privatized a section of the TransCanada," said CUPE Nova Scotia president Danny Cavanagh. "That deal netted more than a billion dollars for the private developer over and

above costs."

The three projects are from a list of 10 the province sent to the company Partnerships BC, which picked them as the most feasible. Partnerships BC will now spend about six months developing business cases — at a cost of up to \$200,000 each — before the province goes ahead with the plans.

Muir said if the business cases show the costs will be too high, the government can continue without private partnership.

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Darren Philpott, already accused of a series of sex offences involving children is now facing 10 more charges — and police now are alleging those charges are connected to his work at a school and as a Big Brother volunteer. SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

Canada



Conviction upheld

The Quebec Court of Appeal has upheld the fraud conviction and sentence of Chuck Guité, the former federal bureaucrat who headed the federal sponsorship program. Guité was convicted in May 2006 on five counts of fraud totalling \$1.5 million related to the federal sponsorship program. Guité was sentenced to 3½ years in prison.

Horror on Greyhound bus

VICTORIA HANDSIDES
Metro Canada

Passengers aboard a Greyhound bus from Edmonton to Winnipeg yesterday recounted a scene from a horror movie, when a man stabbed another rider repeatedly in the neck before cutting his head off.

Garnet Caton told CBC News he was riding directly in front of the victim Wednesday evening. The young man was sleeping with headphones on. Caton said he heard a "blood-curdling scream," and turned to find the attacker gouging at the man with a large knife.

"He must have stabbed him 50 times or 60 times," Caton said.

"Like, just everywhere, arms, legs, neck, chest, guts, wherever he could swing it,



A man sleeping on a Greyhound bus as it rolled across the Canadian Prairies was killed and decapitated by his seatmate on Wednesday night, other passengers on the bus told the media.

he got it," said Cody Olmstead, another passenger who witnessed the horrifying attack.

The 37 passengers aboard the bus Wednesday night

stampeded for the door, leaving the crazed attacker still stabbing his victim, described as a native male around 18 to 20 years old.

Caton, the bus driver, and

a trucker who stopped to help re-entered the bus to see if the young man was still alive.

"When we came back on the bus, it was visible at the end of the bus he was cutting the guy's head off and pretty much gutting him up," Caton said.

The attacker slashed at the men with the knife as they were able to barricade the doors so he couldn't escape.

"While we were watching the door, he calmly walks up to the front with the head in his hand and the knife and just calmly stares at us and drops the head right in front of us," Caton said.

The RCMP arrested the man shortly after.



Tobacco firms hit with fines

SMUGGLING Two Canadian tobacco firms admitted they had aided the contraband tobacco trade and will pay out more **\$980 million** in record fines and payments to boost anti-smuggling efforts over the next 15 years.

The two firms are Impe-

rial Tobacco and Rothmans Benson & Hedges.

The charges relate to the years between 1989 and 1994, when tobacco firms will pay a special tax, especially in Eastern Canadian provinces where so high that they prompted widespread cigarette smuggling. **REUTERS**

News in brief

CELLULAR PHONES The federal industry minister has stopped short of threatening cellular companies over plans to charge for every incoming text message, pointedly noting other countries regulate such fees. Bell and Telus recently announced the changes to their text plans to significant consumer backlash.

MURDER CHARGE A Quebec man, has been charged with first-degree murder in the death of his son's 17-year-old girlfriend, whose body was found Wednesday in a wooded area near the Yamaska River about 100 kilometres northeast of Montreal. Richard Berard, 44, also faces a kidnapping charge. **REUTERS**

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A small business jet crashed near an airport in southern Minnesota yesterday, killing eight people on board, officials said. The victims were customers of an architectural glass company who had been headed to Owatonna, a town south of Minneapolis where the company is headquartered, the firm, Viracon Inc., said. **REUTERS**

World



Prince to visit special forces

Britain's Prince William is set to spend time with his country's special forces in the last of his military secondments, Clarence House said yesterday. The second-in-line to the throne will visit U.K. special forces — the army's Special Air Service and the navy's Special Boat Service — in a non-operational role in the autumn. **REUTERS**

Agencies overhauled

President Bush orders U.S. intelligence reorganization

The White House yesterday unveiled an overhaul of intelligence powers that concentrates power in the national intelligence director and drew immediate criticism from Congress for failing to consult on the changes.

U.S. President George W. Bush approved revising a 1981 executive order to better define the various intelligence agencies' roles and responsibilities as well as take into account a 2004 law that created the director of national intelligence job.

The efforts to shore up U.S. intelligence activities

Director's new powers

- Under the order, the director of national intelligence, Mike McConnell, will gain primary responsibility for developing

relationships with foreign intelligence agencies that had been traditionally handled by the Central Intelligence Agency.

follow numerous lapses, including failing to detect the Sept. 11 attacks ahead of time as well as erroneous conclusions about weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

Even after the position was created, the intelligence community has not been without controversy. Last December it issued a

report that questioned Iran's nuclear weapons ambitions despite concerns by some administration hardliners.

"Today's actions will help create a more effective intelligence community capable of providing the president and his advisers with information necessary to

defend our national and homeland security," White House spokeswoman Dana Perino said.

The action by Bush provoked bipartisan anger among House lawmakers who said they were not properly consulted or briefed on the planned changes.

"We were only shown the document after it was complete and on its way to the president for his signature," said Rep. Silvestre Reyes, a Texas Democrat who heads the House Intelligence Committee.

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NASA confirms water on Mars

SPACE NASA scientists said yesterday they had definitive proof that water exists on Mars after further tests on ice found on the planet in June by the Phoenix Mars Lander.

"We have water," said William Boynton, lead scientist for the Thermal and Evolved-Gas Analyzer instrument on Phoenix.

"We've seen evidence for this water ice before in observations by the Mars Odyssey orbiter and in disappearing chunks observed by Phoenix last month, but this is the first time Martian water has

been touched and tasted," he said, referring to the craft's instruments.

NASA Thursday also extended the mission of the Phoenix Mars Lander by five weeks, saying its work was moving beyond the search for water to exploring whether the red planet was ever capable of sustaining life.

"We are extending the mission through September 30," Michael Meyer, chief scientist for NASA's Mars exploration program, told a televised news conference.

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Karadzic makes first appearance

TRIBUNAL Former Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic appeared before a UN war crimes judge for the first time yesterday to answer genocide charges and said he had been kidnapped and feared for his



Radovan Karadzic

life.

Karadzic, arrested last week after 11 years on the run, wore a dark suit and tie. He appeared gaunt, his shock of hair whiter and shorter than when he was last seen in public

out of disguise more than a decade ago.

Sitting in the seat once occupied by former Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, 63-year-old Karadzic began in composed mood, giving one-word answers and occasionally cracking a joke.

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Finland Cracking down on Roma



A woman begs for money on a street corner in Helsinki. Finland is cracking down on Roma, or gypsies, who beg with their children, threatening to send mothers and children back to their country of origin or to take the children into foster care. The aim, authorities say, is to protect the children.

News in brief

ISRAEL Israel's right-wing Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu called yesterday for an early election to replace Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, whose pledge to resign has deepened uncertainty over Middle East peacemaking. Top advisers said Olmert could stay in office for months as caretaker premier, long enough to pursue

sue talks with the Palestinians and Syria. But politicians said the scandal-plagued leader had no mandate to commit Israel to any deals.

SCIENCE The first object to brighten the dark, primordial universe after the Big Bang was the tiny seed of a star that rapidly grew into a behemoth

100 times more massive than the sun, scientists said on yesterday. This first generation of stars apparently lived hard and died quickly. While our sun may live 5 billion years, this first generation of stars likely lasted only a slim fraction of that — about 1 million years, the researchers said.

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THE DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

Gallery owner dies:

The owner of the Duke of Argyle Art Gallery and Lightfall Photography, Eric James Wood, died Wednesday. He was 58. A graduate of Saint Mary's and Dalhousie, Wood was always passionate about music, and had been a drummer, songwriter and singer for the band ELL. A memorial service will be held on Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Atlantic Funeral Home.

Third season for Buzz:

DHX Media Ltd. has a third season commission from Canada's Family Channel for The Latest Buzz, a live action series aimed at teens, as well as several international sales of the series. The new commission will

bring the total to 65 half hour episodes that are available for the international market. Cartoon Network Latin America, Nickelodeon Spain, Digiturk, Ireland's RTE and Canada's VRAC have all acquired both seasons one and two with Cartoon Network Germany picking up season one.

Radio promised funding:

Nova Scotia's Department of Economic development will give \$20,000 to the Tantramar Community Radio Society if it gets its broadcasting licence. The one-time investment would help the society build and equip the new station.

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Philip Morris buys Rothmans

Tobacco giant offers \$2 billion to take over Canadian firm

Philip Morris International said yesterday it agreed to acquire Rothmans for about \$2 billion in a deal that would give it total control of Canada's No. 2 cigarette maker.

The deal offers \$30 a share for Rothmans, whose sole holding is a 60 per cent stake in cigarette maker Rothmans Benson & Hedges (RBH). Philip Morris already owned 40 per cent of the cigarette maker.

"Rothmans shareholders will receive a significant cash premium and PMI consolidates its presence in a market that we deem financially attractive ..."

Philip Morris Chief Executive Louis Camilleri

Philip Morris's offer represents almost a 17 per cent premium over Rothmans' 20-day average trading price through July 30. "Rothmans shareholders

will receive a significant cash premium and PMI consolidates its presence in a market that we deem financially attractive and of strategic importance go-

ing forward," Philip Morris Chairman and Chief Executive Louis Camilleri said.

Rothmans and RBH said they had paid a \$100 million more and agreed to pay \$450 million more over the next 10 years to settle a case after pleading guilty to helping smugglers.

RBH processes leaf tobacco at plants in Brampton, Ont., and Quebec City, Quebec.

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U.K. firm names big polluters

OILSANDS Syncrude Canada, the biggest oilsands mining operation in the country, emits the most greenhouse-gas emissions per barrel of oil it produces, according to a U.K. study that ranked eight major oil sands operations for their "carbon risk."

The least carbon-intensive project in Alberta is the Muskeg River Mine owned by Shell, Chevron and Marathon Oil, which emits one-tenth the CO2-equivalent emissions. U.K.-based Trucost said differences in carbon-intensity will reflect profitability once carbon pricing and "intensity caps" are introduced. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Bank Chavez eyes nationalization



A woman walks past a branch of Banco de Venezuela in Caracas yesterday. Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez said he will nationalize the local unit of Spain's Grupo Santander bank, expanding his drive for state control of key sectors of the OPEC-nation's economy.

Gold producers hit by rising costs

EARNINGS Soaring production costs overshadowed the quarterly earnings of top gold producers Barrick Gold and Goldcorp yesterday, despite a sharp rise in gold prices. Profit at world No. 1 gold miner Barrick climbed 22 per cent as the 34 per cent rise in the price of gold stayed ahead of cash costs that climbed 23 per cent. **REUTERS**

Real estate sales help Torstar profit

MEDIA Torstar Corp reported a higher quarterly profit yesterday as growth at its Harlequin books and Metroland regional-newspaper divisions and the sale of some real estate helped results, sending its shares higher. Torstar, publisher of the Toronto Star, earned \$37 million, or 47 cents a share a share. **REUTERS**

Business in brief

COTT A big slump in North American demand for soft drinks contributed to a second-quarter loss at Cott Corp. and raised questions about its ability to meet earnings growth targets. Cott said the volume of drinks it sold fell 11 per cent on tougher competition.

ENERGY Imperial Oil Ltd.'s profit surged 61 per cent to a company record in the second quarter as sky-high oil and gas prices more than made up for lower output, Canada's No. 2 oil producer and refiner, and owner of Esso gas stations, said yesterday. **REUTERS**



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Team Iraq

Four Iraqi athletes will go to the Beijing Games, organizers said yesterday, up from an initial two. **REUTERS**

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Beijing Games

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Crackdown on chit-chat

City government gives residents advice on what to say to tourists

Don't ask a tourist's age or wage, steer clear of sex and avoid religion: What many Chinese consider idle chit-chat has now become the latest area of censure in Beijing as it prepares for an influx of Olympic visitors.

Posters displayed on bulletin boards in the neighbourhood that includes tourist magnet the Forbidden City, and which will host Olympics boxing events, counsel locals against a wide range of potentially awkward conversation topics with foreigners.

The list of "eight don't asks" was issued by the Dongcheng district Propaganda Department as a guide for locals about how to show proper hospitality, a department spokesman said.

"Don't ask about income or expenses, don't ask



Volunteers participate in etiquette training for the award ceremonies at the Olympic Games.

about age, don't ask about love life or marriage, don't ask about health, don't ask about someone's home or address, don't ask about personal experience, don't ask about religious beliefs or political views, don't ask what someone does," the Olympics logo stamped poster advises.

Several etiquette guide-

lines have already been issued in the run-up to the Games, as China prepares to put its best foot forward with a faultless event.

The government has campaigned to curb queue-jumping, spitting, littering and even speaking loudly in public, fearful such behaviour could mar Beijing's image.

"Other than the weather, what else are you supposed to talk about?"

to talk about?" asked one blogger on the New York Craigslist website.

"Are there also eight 'don't tell's?" asked another on the popular Shanghai blog, Shanghaiist (shanghaiist.com.)

"While 'Eight Don't Asks' is a general practice in the States ... I don't understand why Chinese living in China should follow this rather western guideline," wrote "LC" on another English-language site.

Others online defended the list as a way to bridge cultural gaps and avoid confused reactions from visitors to questions some might find too intrusive.

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Sharapova pulls out of Games

TENNIS World number three Maria Sharapova pulled out of the Beijing Olympics yesterday after an MRI scan on her right shoulder revealed two small tears.

"I'm currently packing up really quick to hop on the plane and head to New York for a second opinion but I wanted to let all of you know first that there's no chance of me competing in Beijing," Sharapova said on her website.

"The timing is so unfortunate and this makes me more sad than anything," she added on mariasharapova.com.

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Tuesday's lineup

MEDAL HOPEFULS In the final days before the Games, Metro will profile four of Canada's top medal hopefuls. Read Metro on Tuesday for more.

6 days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

Censorship scandal continues

The media should have been told they would not have total Internet freedom before arriving for the Beijing Olympics, a senior IOC official said yesterday, as rights groups piled criticism on both the IOC and host China.

As the row over censorship continued, International Olympic Committee press chief Kevan Gosper said both he and the international media had been taken by surprise that some politically sensitive websites had been blocked.

"It's learning of it at almost the last minute that I think is destabilizing the international media and certainly embarrassing for me, as up 'til 48 hours ago I was insisting it would be free and uncensored Internet access," Gosper said.

Gosper said the local organizers BOCOG's failure to inform media beforehand that this would not happen was not good enough.

"We've noticed that the

"I think they could have done better."

Kevan Gosper



Nobel Peace Prize winner Desmond Tutu was among those urging athletes to speak up on human rights in China.

words being used by BOCOG have changed in recent months from 'uncensored' to what is more like 'convenient and timely,' or 'convenient and available.' These are quite different words," he added.

"Nevertheless, no one has come out publicly and said on behalf of BOCOG or the IOC, 'Sorry, but there are certain Internet websites which are blocked,'" Gosper said. "I think they could have done better."

Rights watchdog Amnesty International, whose website is among those barred in China, condemned Internet restrictions during the Games as

"betraying the Olympic values."

Czech ex-president Václav Havel and Nobel Peace Prize winner Bishop Desmond Tutu and other campaigners urged athletes to speak up on human rights in China during the Beijing Games.

"We are concerned that the Beijing Olympics might simply become a giant spectacle to distract the attention of the international public from the violations of human and civil rights in China," stated the letter signed by 17 politicians and rights activists and issued in Prague.

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The Chicago Blackhawks named Scotty Bowman as the team's senior advisor of hockey operations yesterday. The NHL's all-time winningest coach, Bowman has spent the past six seasons working as a consultant with the Detroit Red Wings. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

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Federer upset, Nadal eyes No. 1

Roger Federer's, left, record 4½ year reign as world No. 1 could end this week after he was beaten 7-6, 4-6, 7-6 by Croatian Ivo Karlovic in the third round of the Cincinnati Masters yesterday. Spaniard Rafael Nadal, who beat Federer in this year's French Open and Wimbledon finals, will take over from the Swiss as the world's top ranked player if he wins the tournament on Sunday.

Pettersen a real CFL legend

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It was 1979 when I first met **Leif Pettersen**. I was a rookie CFL reporter with The Globe and Mail. He was a lanky receiver with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

After a tough loss on a frigid afternoon, I sat down beside him in the 'Ticats' locker room to pick his brain. He was chain smoking. He must have gone through 10 cigarettes in 10 minutes as he dissected the game. I was on deadline, but he wouldn't let me leave until he was done.

And I realized then that the man could analyze football. He was a natural for the broadcast booth, with

movie-star looks, a reasonable command of the English language and a high-pitched voice that enabled him to hammer home his main points with verbal exclamation marks.

So up to the booth he eventually went. And, at the beginning of what turned out to be an illustrious 18-year broadcasting career (10 more years than he played), Pettersen was teamed with the legendary, late **Pat Marsden**. Pat took Leif under his wing and made his transition even easier. Somehow, I can see Pat welcoming Leif again today, as the two reunite.

Pettersen died this week at only 57, the victim of an apparent heart attack. What a shocker. He appeared to be in very good shape, was a successful businessman and was never short of friends.

One of his closest was **Keith Pelley**, his former boss at

"Leif is one of the most vibrant, one of the most interesting guys I know,"

Keith Pelley
Ex-Argos President

TSN. Pettersen was the best man at Pelley's wedding. When Pelley became the president of the Toronto Argonauts, he hired Pettersen as a club ambassador and persuaded him to speak to business groups in a bid to sell season tickets. When Pelley quit the Argos last year to become chief of the CTV-Rogers Olympic Consortium, he recommended that Pettersen replace him, sources said, but the Argos' owners chose **Michael Clemons** instead.

"Leif is one of the most vibrant, one of the most interesting guys I know," Pelley

told me when I worked with him and Pettersen on TSN's CFL telecasts last decade. "You ought to try to be more like him. It'd help you."

Well, I couldn't be like Pettersen, even if I tried. Few could. He was too cool. And yet he was also feisty.

He didn't end up liking me very much, either, but I sure got a kick out of him and his style. Even when he challenged me — on the air during live broadcasts — to identify sources I simply couldn't. Even when he challenged me to a post-show brawl outside the studio. (Yes, he really did that.)

Here's hoping he's at peace now.

For more CFL stuff, incidentally, check out my latest CFL Report, only at www.metronews.ca.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.



The Boston Red Sox have traded disgruntled slugger Manny Ramirez to the Los Angeles Dodgers in a three-way deal and received Canadian outfielder Jason Bay in return.

Ramirez, Griffey, Bay all have new homes

MLB Slugger Manny Ramirez got his wish yesterday, finally freeing himself of the Boston Red Sox, as he was traded to the Los Angeles Dodgers in a three-way deal.

Pittsburgh outfielder Jason Bay will head to Boston as part of the trade, while the Pirates received hard-throwing relief pitcher Craig Hansen and outfielder Brandon Moss from Boston, as well as third baseman Andy LaRoche and pitcher Bryan Morris from the Dodgers.

A 12-time All-Star and MVP of the 2004 World Series, Ramirez has been on a verbal tirade against Red Sox brass in recent weeks. He is hitting .299 with 20 homers and 68 RBI this season and has 510 career homers.

"This is the best addition

that has been made since I've been here," Dodgers pitcher Derek Lowe said. "I haven't played with him in four years, but he is a tremendous teammate. He is as good as anyone out there. Hopefully we can take advantage of it."

Meanwhile, the Chicago White Sox have added a future Hall of Famer, as Ken Griffey Jr. agreed to leave his hometown Cincinnati for a chance at a championship. The White Sox acquired the outfielder and cash in exchange for pitcher Nick Masset and second baseman Danny Richar.

"Our intent is to win the American League Central division and ultimately, to win another World Series championship," said Ken Williams, White Sox general manager.

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Sports in brief

NHL The Edmonton Oilers shook up their front office yesterday, promoting former GM Kevin Lowe to president of hockey operations and naming Steve Tambellini as the new GM.

NHL The Ottawa Senators have re-signed forward Antoine Vermette to a multi-year agreement, the team announced yesterday.

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Ivanovic shocked at Rogers

TENNIS Ana Ivanovic was stunned 6-2, 1-6, 6-2 by 17-year-old Austrian Tamara Paszek in the third round of the Rogers Cup in Montreal yesterday, opening the door for fellow Serbian Jelena Jankovic to claim her No. 1 world ranking.



Jankovic, who eased into the last eight earlier in the day with 6-3, 6-2 demolition of Canadian Stephanie Dubois, sits just 88 points behind Ivanovic in the WTA rankings and can nudge her out of top spot by making it to Sunday's final.

Playing her first event since a third round exit at Wimbledon, Ivanovic displayed little of the form that had carried her to a French Open title in May and victory on the same Canadian hardcourt in 2006.

Just 24 hours after blowing Aleksandra Wozniak off court in less than hour, Jankovic was back to eliminate the last remaining home hope.

"I took out two Canadians, maybe the people will start to hate me now," joked Jankovic.

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Eagles captain Culligan earns shot to make Wild

Howie Centre's Chris Culligan has earned a free-agent tryout with the Minnesota Wild. The Cape Breton Screaming Eagles captain will take a shot at a contract at a prospects tournament in Traverse City, Mich., in September.

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Wings give Swan a tryout

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The Stanley Cup champions are interested in Bryce Swan.

The Detroit Red Wings are expecting Swan to report to their training camp in Traverse City, Mich., in September, a source with the team confirmed to Metro yesterday.

The former Halifax Mooseheads forward is a free agent looking for a contract after he turned down offers from the Anaheim Ducks, who initially

drafted him 38th overall in 2006.

Swan, a 20-year-old from Alder Point, spent four seasons with the Mooseheads. He posted 25 goals among 49 points in 67 games last season, a 10-goal decline from 2006-07.

The 6-foot-3, 198-pounder re-entered June's NHL draft but was passed over, allowing him to become a free agent. He had expected to sign an entry-level deal with a team, but will have to



Swan

earn his way into contract at the Red Wings' camp.

Swan and his agent, Tim Cranston, did not return phone messages requesting an interview earlier this week.

Detroit is hosting an eight-team prospects tournament from Sept. 13 to 17, with its main camp running Sept. 20 to 23.

Swan is sixth all-time in goals scored in a Mooseheads uniform, as well as 15th in games played and points.

Baseball Canadians knock off Moosehead Dry



Ryan Veinot of the Halifax Pelham Canadians steals second base during the third inning at Beazley Field last night. Barrett Bellefontaine was the winning pitcher as the Canadians knocked off the Nova Scotia Senior Baseball League-leading Dartmouth Moosehead Dry 7-4 last night.

MacPass Miles looking for sub-4-minute record

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ATHLETICS Organizers of the MacPass Miles have invited an all-star cast in the hopes of the event's first sub-four-minute mile.

American runners Grant Robison and Blake Boldon — who have career-bests of under four minutes — highlight Sunday's race, which takes place on the

Macdonald Bridge.

Robison, a 2004 Olympian with a personal best of 3:58 for a flat mile, and Boldon, who has been clocked at 3:59, will look to better Jamie Blanchard's bridge record of 4:02 set in 2002.

Dartmouth's Rich Lehman and Halifax's Rob Kitz will participate in their third MacPass Miles, while Antigonish natives John Corbit and Lee McCar-

ron are among the other locals.

On the women's side, Lindsey Carson of Ontario is back to defend her title after setting a record in 2007 in 4:41. Calgary's Jessica O'Connell, the 2006 champion, is also in the mix.

The 14th annual event starts at 9:15 a.m., with open and youth miles. The elite miles will be held at 11 and 11:10 a.m.

Sports in brief

GOLF Ken-Wo's Laura Harris is the top Nova Scotian player heading into today's final round of the Royale Cup Canadian women's amateur golf championship in Winnipeg. She shot a 2-over 74 yesterday and is tied for 31st with a three-round total of 229. Irene Jung of Penn Hills is tied for 57th after shooting a 7-over 79.

RACING The Carquest Maritime Pro Stock Tour gears up for race eight of 11 of the summer circuit tomorrow in Shediac, N.B. Timberlea's Wayne Smith enters the Lucas Oil 150 at Centre For Speed with the tour points lead, 23 ahead of second-place Lonnie Sommerville of Saint John, N.B.

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Anderson in national finals

TENNIS Phil Anderson has advanced to the doubles final at the Canadian 18-and-under outdoor tennis championships. The Halifax native and partner Nathaniel Gery of Ontario to beat Panav Jha and Nikolai Haessig 6-3, 4-6, 10-6 in the semifinals yesterday.

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Best dressed

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Style File

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white summer styles

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Seth Rogen, carrying co-star James Franco, followed through with producer Judd Apatow's suggestion to tackle a "weed action movie" when Rogen and writing partner Evan Goldberg penned Pineapple Express.

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August is here, and as the weather stays hot, so does the entertainment in Halifax. Get ready for more of the hottest parties, concerts and shows!

The 10th annual DJ Olympics are coming later this month. The eight-week event will see competitors face off in Dance, DJ and EMCEE categories for thousands of dollars in prizes. The action starts August 22nd. Stay tuned to Z103.5 for more details.

There's a ton more happening in Halifax this August. First, Avril Lavigne rocks the Metro Centre with The Best Damn Tour on Aug. 10, followed by her fellow Canadians Simple Plan, who

will take on the same stage August 21. Tickets for both shows are hot, so grab them now online at ticketatlantic.com or 451-1221.

Need an idea for a summer date night or a night out with friends? The allFresco Film Festo is happening at the Halifax waterfront. It's your chance to check out great movies and take in the warm summer nights. It happens every Friday at 9 p.m. and is only \$5. This Friday is a special double feature with Almost Famous and Say Anything. Z103halifax.com has all of the info.

Did Summer Rush 2008 leave you wanting another huge outdoor concert? No worries. D250, along with two of their youth ambassadors, Jordan Croucher and Dwight Deon, will be rocking out Grand Parade Square next month. Keep up to date with your Halifax Headlines for details.

Hear Nikki Balch on the Z103.5 Morning Show with Jeff, Nikki and Shane, weekdays from 5:30-10 a.m.

Billy Talent takes on MS

SoundCheck

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Billy Talent drummer Aaron Solow-niuk is in a good place. The band, fresh from celebrating their 15th anniversary, has just returned from an invigorating 2 1/2 week swing through Germany, Finland, Norway, Russia and Poland that has left everyone in the group feeling great.

"We had sold 400 albums in all of Poland, yet 800 people came to see our show. Maybe it had something to do with my last

name," he says with a quiet smile.

After selling more than 600,000 copies of their first two albums, Billy Talent has earned the right to take some time recording their next CD. At this moment, though, demos are being assembled, producers are being considered, studios are being scouted and the group is in the process of finding a building to serve as the new BT HQ. And while that third record won't be ready until next spring, Aaron let it slip that fans will be rewarded with a new song called Turn Your Back in the fall.

Then there's F.U.M.S., Billy Talent's

crusade against multiple sclerosis, a disease that's on Aaron's mind every day because he's had to live with it himself for more than a decade. Thanks to three weekly injections of a hideously expensive drug, Aaron's MS is under control. Aaron realizes he's blessedly lucky, which is why he and the band are behind the MS Society of Canada's Scholarship Program. It provides post-secondary education support to young adults 25 and under with MS or those who have a parent living with the disease.

"My goal for this program," he says, "is for young people to have the opportunity to follow their dreams, regardless of

the presence of MS in their lives."

Next Friday's Second Annual F.U.M.S. Open in Ontario, will see more than 100 golfers — including some of BT's musician friends — is expected to raise at least \$25,000.

This year, 80 scholarships valued at nearly \$80,000 are being distributed to students across the country. In a few weeks, some of the essays written by scholarship winners will be posted at mssociety.ca/scholarship. You can also make a donation at the site.

"These kids write things that bring tears to my eyes," says Aaron. "To be able to help them is amazing. I want to keep this up until there's a cure."

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Caution: 'Mummy on the loose!'

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor
Director: Rob Cohen
Stars: Brendan Fraser, Maria Bello, Jet Li
Classification: PG
Rating: ●●●●●

REVIEW For someone who keeps saying he "really hates mummies," Brendan Fraser sure keeps coming back to them a lot. If he just listened to his character's own empty rantings of detest, maybe he (and we) would've been much better off.

In this third offering of the successful franchise, adventurer Rick O'Connell returns to action taking his wife (Maria Bello sporting a spotty British accent) to China to deliver a legendary diamond.

There, he learns his son (Luke Ford) dug up the



The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor features some crazy visual effects.

tomb of evil Emperor Han (Jet Li) and ... well, to spare you the contrived plot details, just assume that blood

is spilt, the Emperor awakens and as Rick O'Connell exclaims, "There's a mummy on the loose!"

Now, nobody should expect perfection out of this type of popcorn movie, but at least give us a reason-

able story and a shred of intelligent dialogue.

Here, lines are so baseless, expository and unfunny that when a yak yaks on one character, he declares "the yak yakked." Wasn't that a throwaway line from Abbott & Costello Meet the Mummy?

Sure, there are plenty of crazy visual effects of warriors, a dragon and even yetis (what, no mid-20th century goblins?) but they only serve to mildly distract from a tedious, laboured storyline.

At Comic-Con in San Diego recently, Fraser described this film as a "love story."

Well, this is as much a love story as There Will Be Blood is a meditation on dairy products.

And basically, that's why this movie stinks — a clear lack of focus, direction and yes, even "love" leaves this mummy as thrilling as a 2,000-year-old bag of bones.

Genghis Khan's 'untold story'

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Mongol
Director: Sergei Bodrov
Stars: Tadanobu Asano, Honglei Sun
Classification: 14A
Rating: ●●●●●

REVIEW Brought to life by Russian filmmaker Sergei Bodrov (Nomad), Mongol boasts the "untold story of Genghis Khan."

And what an untold story it is. In the early 12th century, nine-year-old Temudjin is forced to choose a wife and witness his powerful father's murder at the hands of a rival tribe member.

Swearing to avenge dear daddy's death and unconditional devotion to his bride, Temudjin overcomes obstacle after bloody obstacle to eventually become — you guessed it — Genghis frigg'n' Khan, baby!

Spanning more than 30 years, Mongol is a huge movie that most remarkably features stunning cinematography and the kind of epic battles reserved for Tinseltown's biggest blockbusters. Bodrov even shot Mongol using old-school methods; creating sets in remote areas of Asia, relying on some 600 crewmembers and thousands of extras.

However, with today's moviegoers desensitized by overblown computer-generated effects, Mongol's accomplishments may be overlooked.

If you search beyond the big stuff, however, you'll find a gripping love story bubbling beneath the bloodiness.

Swing, and a miss: Swing Vote a disappointment

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

Swing vote
Director: Joshua Michael Stern
Stars: Kevin Costner, Dennis Hopper
Classification: PG
Rating: ●●●●●

REVIEW Earnest (Bud) Johnson — an affable small-town screwup who accidentally gets the chance to determine the outcome of the U.S. presidential election — is pretty much the

prototypical Kevin Costner role: the aw-shucks messiah whose basic decency wins the day.

Swing Vote feels very much like a vanity project, but unlike The Postman or Open Range, Costner didn't write or direct (he did produce).

However, like The Postman and Open Range, the film is a debacle: a lazy attempt at a contemporary Frank Capra fable that takes the tone of a condescending civics lesson.

It's a bad sign when beer-swilling layabout Bud,

coerced to cast his vote by his implausibly precocious 10-year old daughter (poised newcomer Madeleine Carroll) gets cold-cocked by an overhanging "remember to vote" sign: nothing like literally being smacked by a metaphor (for him, or for us).

Things actually get worse from there, as undecided voter Bud becomes an overnight celebrity and courted by incumbent president Kel-

sey Grammer and Democratic challenger Dennis Hopper.

The candidates are wittily cast (arch-Republican Sideshow Bob vs. The Easy Rider himself) but the roles are so bland that the joke gets muffled; the satirical jibes at their mutual willingness to flip-flop ideologies on Bud's whims are similarly toothless.

Bud's eventual political awakening (once again dully literalized by having his daughter forcibly rouse

him out of bed at regular intervals) is so perfunctory that it's insulting.

After one montage of diligent study with his daughter (and, of course, a sexy TV newswoman), he emerges as an expert on the issues and leads a presidential debate (complete with standard-issue halting Costner monologue).

At which point, director Joshua Michael Stern hurriedly cuts away from the discussion. After all, we can't have any actual politics in our political comedy, can we?



Kevin Costner

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Movie morsels

The Dark Knight



REVIEW The followup to Batman Begins takes the caped crusader down a darker path. When the psychopathic villain The Joker (Heath Ledger) terrorizes Gotham City, Batman (Christian Bale) is tangled in a moral struggle. People will flock to this film because Christopher Nolan creates a visual masterpiece and captures mesmerizing performances by Bale and Ledger.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Mamma Mia!



REVIEW The first 20 minutes of Mamma Mia! are filled with arrivals on a Greek island where Sophie (Amanda Seyfried) is getting married at the hotel run by Donna (Meryl Streep), her mother. Based on the ABBA musical, it's the story of Sophie's search for her father, after learning he could have been one of three men her mother slept with one summer in the '70s.

Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada

Hellboy 2



REVIEW Just before the climactic battle in Guillermo del Toro's Hellboy sequel, we're reminded of a plot point from the first film that sets up Hellboy 3 — or 4 or 5; it's obvious no one's really bothered by this dose of dramatic Xanax — and deflates the conflict to come by underlining the likelihood that the hero will survive to fight another day.

Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada

Step Brothers



REVIEW Will Ferrell reteams with Talladega Nights co-star John C. Reilly to play a middle-aged slacker who must cope with his new 40-something step brother. Immature equals, the siblings square off like toddlers. It's a thin story, but it works because you don't know where the script ends and the improvisation begins..

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Sisterhood reunites

NED EHRRAR
for Metro Canada

FEATURE Ask the four stars of The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 about what it was like filming the sequel, and they immediately mention a moped accident — and whose fault it was.

"It was Amber's fault," America Ferrera insists. "Right," Amber Tamblyn says. "It was my fault. But Blake hit the back of everybody."

"But she wouldn't have if you didn't stop," Ferrera responds. Within seconds, all four actresses are talking at once, show the bond they've developed.

The film, in theatres Aug. 6, reunites Ferrera, Tamblyn, Blake Lively and Alexis Bledel, who first brought the characters from Ann Bashares' best-selling book series to life in 2005.

Part two crams the next three books in the series into one movie, but the



Alexis Bledel returns alongside America Ferrera, Amber Tamblyn and Blake Lively in the The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2.

bond between the main characters remains the heart of the film.

The four actresses, all film and TV stars in their own rights, have stayed grounded despite the allure of the Young Hollywood culture.

"At the end of the day, of work, I want to go to din-

"I don't want to go to a club and not wear panties."

Blake Lively

ner, I want to watch a movie," says Lively. "I don't want to go to a club and not wear panties."

Of course, it's hard to go too crazy when you have friends watching out for you. "If any of us dared to be ridiculous, we would get a lot of phone calls," Ferrera says.

Tamblyn agrees: "From each other, saying, 'What were you doing? You're grounded.'"

"What I love about this movie is that it gives young women an example of strong female relationships," Ferrera says.

She hopes to see more films portraying women "supporting each other instead of tearing each other down."

Now, about that moped accident. "It was very dra-

matic," Tamblyn explains. "Great for a first day of shooting." Ferrera agrees: But Tamblyn can't help getting a joke in. "It was good because I got to make fun of them on crutches," she says, smiling slyly.

"She would take our crutches, too," Lively says. And with that, they're off again, all four talking at once. Just like real friends.

Who wears the pants?

- The titular trousers, which worked so much magic in the first film, take a back seat in the sequel. This time around, the focus is on the girls themselves and their individual journeys into adulthood. So why the shift away from the pants? "It doesn't matter at that point," says Bledel. "I think they've grown out of it."

While the pants may be fading away, the sisterhood remains strong.

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'A weed action movie'

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

FEATURE To sum up Pineapple Express, Seth Rogen simply has to think back to what producer Judd Apatow suggested he and writing partner Evan Goldberg tackle next after penning surprise hit Superbad: "A weed action movie."

For those who are familiar with the Vancouver-born actor/writer, it's not totally out of character.

"Me and Evan thought that could be rad," Rogen admitted recently in Los Angeles.

"Basically, we started thinking if we could make a movie that was kind of a weed movie and an action movie and (had) a real friendship story to it, that would be our favorite movie ever."

Hitting theatres next Friday, the comedy tells the tale of Dale (Rogen), a slothful process server who spins into weed-enhanced panic after witnessing a murder.

In desperation, Dale seeks refuge with his dope dealer Saul (James Franco), but the two unlikely companions are soon being chased by crooked cops, henchmen and a ridiculous mid-level dealer (Dan-



Seth Rogen's influence for Pineapple Express came from '80s action films.

ny McBride).

Now, Rogen may have perfected the innocent, stoner type with his turn in last summer's hit Knocked Up, but he insists Dale is a far cry from playing pot-smoker-turned-proud papa Ben Stone.

"To me, the fact that a character smokes weed isn't really what I hang my hat on necessarily. I mean, Arthur and James Bond aren't the same because they both drink," reasons Rogen.

"To me, they're very different guys."

Besides, both Rogen and Goldberg set out to make an action movie; not a ro-

"We're all friends. It's very bonding to beat the crap out of each other."

Seth Rogen

mantic comedy a la Knocked Up.

Both were huge fans of '80s action hits like Lethal Weapon, Die Hard and basically "anything with Brian Bosworth in it."

To make it authentic, Rogen knew they had to get physical and even take on a few stunts.

"Ya, we hurt ourselves," brags Rogen. "Franco cracked his face open; McBride cracked the back of his head open" — resulting in a concussion, thanks in part to Franco, who struck McBride with a water-filled bong.

"We're all friends. It's very bonding to beat the crap out of each other," laughs Rogen. "(This film was) very physical; you're in somewhat homoerotic positions; lots of me on Danny's back. I rode Danny's back for two days."

Chimes in McBride: "Sometimes it wasn't even during the movie."

Look for a review of Pineapple Express in Wednesday's Metro.

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Screen Times

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Christian Bale as Batman in The Dark Knight, which is currently in theatres.

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Mamma Mia! (PG) Dolby Stereo, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:10-3:50-6:50-9:30

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Pineapple Express (18) No Passes, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 12:50-4:10-6:45-9:35

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Pineapple Express (18) Stadium Seating, No Passes Wed-Thu 2:20-7:10-9:45

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2 (PG) Stadium Seating, No Passes Wed-Thu 2:40-6:40-9:20

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WALL-E (G) Stadium Seating Fri 2:30-7:30 Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-7:30 Stadium Seating Mon-Tue 2:30-7:30

The X-Files: I Want to Believe (14) Stadium Seating Fri 2:15-7:25 Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:15-3:40-7:25 Stadium Seating Mon-Thu 2:15-7:25

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Hancock (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 6:55-8:55 Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 2:20-6:55-8:55 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 6:55-8:55

Hellboy II: The Golden Army (14) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 6:30-9 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 2:6:30-9 Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 6:30-9

Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG) Fri-Thu 6:35-9

Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG) Fri 6:50-8:50 Sat-Sun 2:15-6:50-8:50 Mon-Thu 6:50-8:50

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Hancock (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7:15-9:55

Journey to the Center of the Earth 3D (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-7:05-9:25

Mamma Mia! (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:40

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Actor Josh Lucas has been signed to star in the new Tim Robbins series Possible Side Effects. The Showtime drama, which will be shot in New York, revolves around three brothers with a family-run pharmaceutical company. EW.COM

TV

Love-Hewitt ends legal troubles

LAW SUIT Jennifer Love Hewitt has exorcised her legal demons, E! News Online reports.

The actress' former management firm has dropped a lawsuit alleging she never turned over an agreed-upon 10-per-cent commission for helping her secure her starring role on Ghost Whisperer, according to a request for dismissal filed this week in Los Angeles Superior Court. Hewitt's attorney had no comment.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Perry to appear on Law & Order

Former Beverly Hills, 90210 star Luke Perry has signed on to join the cast of Law & Order: SVU after rejecting an offer to reprise his role in the hit TV series, imdb.com reports.

Perry's former costars Tori Spelling, Jennie Garth and Shannen Doherty have signed up to appear in the forthcoming spin-off series.

But the 41-year-old actor, who has enjoyed limited

return

- According to celebrity blog PerezHilton.com, Perry will couple with Bowen to play a father accused of abusing their foster child.
- Perry's episode is set to air this September.

success since leaving the show in 1995, has instead signed on to appear in the criminal drama's season premiere.

The hour-long special will also feature guest appearances by Roseanne star Sara Gilbert and Lost actress Julie Bowen.

Just last month, the actor explained his decision not to take part in the show.

"I can't re-imagine it currently. It's just not something that I've thought about to be quite honest, I don't see it happening," Perry said.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

FRIDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
31	31	31	ABC	News (N)	ABC Wid News	Inside Edition	Chronicle	Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events (2004)				20/20 (N)
7	7	7	ASN	Twice in a Lifetime		Wheel-Of-Fortune	Jeopardy!	Her Fatal Flaw (2006, Suspense)	Victoria Pratt			Jeff Ltd.
11	11	11	CBC	Coronation St.	Laughs	Air Force Live	Comedy Fest.	MVP-Lives of Hockey Wives	CBC News: The National			The Hour
32	32	32	CBS	News (N)	Evening News	The Insider (N)	Entertainment	Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)	NUMB3RS (HDTV)			Swingtown (N)
6	6	6	CHIF	Entertainment	ET Canada	Big Brother 10 (Live)	Friday Night Lights	Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)	NUMB3RS (HDTV)			News (N)
9	9	9	CJCH	eTalk	Jeopardy!	Greek		Ghost Whisperer (HDTV)	Without a Trace			News (N)
36	36	36	FOX	The Simpsons	King of the Hill	TwoHalf Men	TwoHalf Men	The Fog ** (2005, Horror)	Tom Welling, Selma Blair			Fox First
12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Hollywood	Extra (N)	Outrageous	Outrageous	Dateline NBC (N)		
55	55	55	SCOR	To Be Announced				WWE SmackDown!				Score Tonight
53	53	53	TSN	ATP Tennis	SportsCentre	CFL Football Winnipeg Blue Bombers at Toronto Argonauts. (HDTV) (Live)						WTA Tennis
16	16	16	A&E	Cold Case Files		CSI: Miami "Rap Sheet"		CSI: Miami "Darkroom"		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		The Cleaner
70	70	70	APTN	First Talk	News (N)	From the Spirit	renewadepress	Tears	Chiefs-Champ	The Devil's Advocate ** (1997, Suspense)		
37	37	37	BRVO	Street Legal		Rhythm-Roots	Bravo! Fact	The Burial Society ** (2002, Suspense)		Bravonews		Divas
49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Air Force	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	Good Morning	The Simpsons	South Park	Kathy Griffin
18	18	18	CNN	(5) The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Election Center		Larry King Live		Cooper 360
38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Daily Planet		Mysteries of the Shark Coast Shark	tagging expedition. (N)	Green Homes	Extreme Home	Bog Bodies (N)
34	34	34	HGTV	Holmes on Homes		House Hunters	Property Virgin	House Hunters		Green Homes	Extreme Home	Relocation
46	46	46	HIST	Disaster-Cent.	Masterminds	NCIS "Frame-Up"		Lost Worlds		History's Secrets		NCIS
17	17	17	MM	Punk'd	Instant Star	Video on Trial	Video on Trial	America's Best Dance Crew		Men in Black II ** (2002, Comedy)		
206	206	206	PIX	(6:45) Canvas * (1992, Suspense)		(8:20) The Boys Club (1997, Drama)		The Basketball Diaries (1995, Drama)		Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Webdreams
39	39	39	SHOW	Trailer Park	Billable Hours	ReGenesis "The End"		Cold Squad (Part 2 of 2)		The List	Til Debt-Part	In Laws
40	40	40	SLICE	Skin Deep	Opening Soon	End of Leash	Til Debt-Part	Mr. Friday (N)		Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Ashley Paige
21	21	21	TLC	What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		Say Yes-Dress	Reception	What Not to Wear		
22	22	22	W	Shopping Bags	House	Will & Grace	Friends	Mediums	Mediums	The Pelican Brief *** (1993, Suspense)		
27	27	27	YTV	The Next Star "12 to 6"		King of the Camp (2008, Musical)	Justin Stadnyk, Tom Knight			The Next Star "12 to 6"		Falcon Beach

SATURDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
31	31	31	ABC	News (N)	World News Sat	Law & Order: SVU		Wipeout		Wipeout		Andre Tippett
7	7	7	ASN	Corner Gas	Corner Gas	W-FIVE Presents: Confessions of an Innocent Man				Stargate Atlantis		The Collector
11	11	11	CBC	Sat. Report	Marketplace	WTA Tennis U.S. Open Series - Rogers Cup - Semifinals. (HDTV) (Live)						Wimbledon ** (2004)
32	32	32	CBS	News (N)	CBS News	Entertainment Tonight		The Unit (HDTV)		Flashpoint (HDTV)		48 Hr. Mystery
6	6	6	CHIF	Andromeda "The Test"		Largo Winch		Andromeda		renewadepress	renewadepress	News (N)
9	9	9	CJCH	W-FIVE Presents: Confessions of an Innocent Man				Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	Flashpoint (HDTV)		News (N)
36	36	36	FOX	MLB Baseball		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cops (N)	Cops	America's Most Wanted		Fox First
12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	The Office		The Office		Saturday Night's Main Event		Law Order: CI
55	55	55	SCOR	To Be Announced				To Be Announced				
53	53	53	TSN	NASCAR Racing: Nationwide	SportsCentre	CFL Pregame		CFL Football Saskatchewan Roughriders at Calgary Stampeders.		American Justice		The Sopranos
16	16	16	A&E	Cold Case Files (HDTV)		American Justice: Dangerous		American Justice: Nightmare		American Justice		
70	70	70	APTN	Women's Hockey National Aboriginal Championships 2008 - Final.		Live at the Rehearsal Hall		Les Boreades		Hockey: National Aboriginal Champ. - Final		
37	37	37	BRVO	Arts & Minds	Bravo! Videos	Just for Laughs		Corner Gas	Blue Collar TV	The Simpsons	South Park	Nikke Payne
49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom
18	18	18	CNN	This Week in Politics		Stonehenge: The Ultimate Experience		Flipping Out		Deadliest Catch "Fresh Blood"		Crisis Angel
38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Colin & Justin's Home Heist		Re-Inventors	Re-Inventors	Holmes on Homes	Extreme-Home	
34	34	34	HGTV	Holmes on Homes		NCIS		Double Jeopardy (1999, Suspense)		So You Think You Can Dance		
46	46	46	HIST	Mob Stories "Fox Hunt"		Men in Black II ** (2002, Comedy)	Tommy Lee Jones.	So You Think You Can Dance		Airplane! *** (1980, Comedy)		
17	17	17	MM	America's Best Dance Crew		Pirates * (1986, Adventure)	Walter Matthau.	It's All Gone Pete Tong ** (2004, Comedy)	Paul Kaye.	Kenny-Spenny		
206	206	206	PIX	(6) Platoon (1986, War)		Whispers and Lies (2008, Suspense)		End of Leash	Newlywed	Spoiled Rotten	Party Mamas	Shen Genius
39	39	39	SHOW	Matchmaker	Bulging Brides	Vanity Insanity		Flip House	Flip House	Trading Spaces (HDTV) (N)		Holmes-Homes
40	40	40	SLICE	Moving Up (HDTV)		My First Home	My First Home	Save Us-House	Save Us-House	Til There Was You * (1997, Romance)		
21	21	21	TLC	Save Us-House	Save Us-House	Storm Hawks	Storm Hawks	Avatar	Naruto	Zatch Bell (N)	Bleach	Storm Hawks
22	22	22	W	Prank Patrol	Ghost							
27	27	27	YTV									

SUNDAY

HA	H	D	B	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
31	31	31	ABC	News (N)	ABC News	Funnies Home Videos		High School Musical: Picture		Extreme Makeover: Home		Housewives
7	7	7	ASN	Kyle XY		Funnies Home Videos		Smallville "Traveler"		Desperate Housewives		Mad Men
11	11	11	CBC	Heartland (HDTV)		Syriana *** (2005, Drama)	George Clooney.			(10:10) Syriana (2005)		Wine
32	32	32	CBS	Evening News	News (N)	60 Minutes		Big Brother 10 (N)		Million Dollar Password		Cold Case
6	6	6	CHIF	renewadepress	Til Death	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Big Brother 10 (N)		Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)
9	9	9	CJCH	Instant Star	The Hills	Cold Case (HDTV)		High School Musical: Picture		Million Dollar Password		News (N)
36	36	36	FOX	Cold Case "Cargo"		Til Death	Til Death	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Family Guy	American Dad	Fox First
12	12	12	NBC	News (N)	NBC News	Dateline NBC (N)		NFL Preseason Football: Hall of Fame Game - Colts vs. Redskins		Hardcore Champ. Fight		Poker
55	55	55	SCOR	Score Update	Cabby Unlinit	The WWE Experience		BodogFight		Wayne's World ** (1992, Comedy)		
53	53	53	TSN	NASCAR Race	SportsCentre	Mike Tyson's Greatest Hits		NFL Preseason Football: Hall of Fame Game - Colts vs. Redskins		Wayne's World ** (1992, Comedy)		
16	16	16	A&E	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Gene Simmons	Family Jewels	Gene Simmons	Two Coreys
70	70	70	APTN	(6) North American Indigenous Games (Live)		Arts & Minds	Bravo! Fact	Life Through		Munich *** (2005, Suspense)	Eric Bana.	
37	37	37	BRVO	Krieghoff or the Studio		Winnipeg Comedy Festival		Laughs	Rick Mercer	The Simpsons	Lil' Bush	Comedy Net
49	49	49	COM	Laughs	Comedy Now	Newsroom		Special Investigations		Larry King Live		Newsroom
18	18	18	CNN	Lou Dobbs This Week (HDTV)		Rogue Nature "Bears"		How William Shatner Changed the World		Extreme Makeover: Home		Holmes-Homes
38	38	38	DISC	MythBusters		House Hunters	House Hunters	Property Virgin	Buy Me	Seven Years in Tibet ** (1997, Drama)		
34	34	34	HGTV	Flipping Out		NCIS		Light at the Edge of the World		Punk'd	Punk'd	Dance Crew
46	46	46	HIST	Lost Inventions		So You Think You Can Dance		So You Think You Can Dance				
17	17	17	MM	America's Best Dance Crew		St. Valentine's *** (1983, Action)	Roger Moore, Maud Adams.			Trailer Park	Rent-A-Goale	Mr-Mrs Smith
206	206	206	PIX	St. Valentine's *** (1983, Action)	Billable Hours	A Trick of the Mind (2006, Suspense)	Paul Johansson.			Rich Bride, Poor Bride		Biggest Loser
39	39	39	SHOW	Mr-Mrs Smith	Last 10	X-Weighted		Wedding SOS	Bulging Brides	A New Face For Marlie		Singing Office
40	40	40	SLICE	In Laws	Little People	Little People	Little People	My Shocking Story		The Return of Alex Kelly * (1999, Drama)	Margot Kidder.	Missing
21	21	21	TLC	Little People	Little People	Shopping Bags	Style by Jury			The Next Star "12 to 6"		Falcon Beach
22	22	22	W	Til There Was		The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants *** (2005, Comedy-Drama)	Amber Tamblyn.					
27	27	27	YTV									



Simon Lee, one of the judges in CBC's How do you Solve a Problem Like Maria? reality TV show, is seen in this undated handout photo.

'Maria' judge terminated

Simon Lee, a longtime associate of internationally renowned composer Andrew Lloyd Webber, has been fired as musical supervisor of the upcoming Toronto production of The Sound of Music.

News of the termination came just days after Lee, 46, was charged with forcible confinement and assault following a Sunday morning incident with a 24-year-old man at a Yorkville hotel.

A statement issued by London public relations firm Brown Lloyd Jameson on behalf of Lloyd Webber's The Really Useful Group Ltd., stated: "Simon is a very talented person who is extremely important to us. However, on this occasion we felt it was necessary to seek the ter-

mination of his engagement on The Sound of Music in Toronto. The alleged events are subject to legal proceedings and, therefore, we can't comment further."

Mirvish Productions spokesperson John Karas-tamatis said the decision to remove Lee will have no impact on the Toronto production.

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A collection of fairytales penned by Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling is to be published to raise money for a children's charity. The Tales of Beedle the Bard will go on sale on Dec. 4, but fans can pre-order their copy now on Amazon.ca. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Going Out**Beatles recording up for auction**

MUSIC An audio recording, believed to date from 1964, of the Beatles talking and laughing during a recording session is being put up for auction, CBC News Online reports.

The recently-discovered 30-minute-long reel-to-reel tape will be sold on Tuesday in Midgham, England, outside of London.

The tape is expected to fetch between \$16,000 and \$24,000. It was discovered by a man cleaning out his late father's attic.

Both John Lennon and Paul McCartney can be heard falling into fits of laughter on the tape.

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Chelsea Nisbett will be among the singers at the Freedom Festival Gospel Concert on the Halifax Waterfront on Sunday.



Shirley Jackson & The Good Rockin' Daddies are part of a blues night at Queen's Quay on Saturday.

Backstreet Boys back on Rock as part of tour

RETURN He doesn't remember being in Newfoundland before, but A.J. McLean has the scar to prove he was there.

The Backstreet Boys were flying from Florida to Germany and had to stop on The Rock so the plane could refuel.

"Howie just actually reminded us that we were here years and years ago," McLean said before the guys' first concert in St. John's. "I got my ear-ring ripped out by Kevin by accident while he and I were wrestling."

The boy-band — man-

band, really — started its 13-city Canadian tour in Newfoundland this week. This is the latest leg in their Unbreakable world tour. McLean was pulling double duty during some of the European tour stops, performing with the guys and in support of his soon-to-come solo release.

"My record is a lot more personal and a lot more real, so to speak. My stuff is a little more relatable, as far as things I've been through — heartache, the relationship I don't have with my dad," added McLean, who has had well-publicized substance abuse problems.

"As I started making the record, I found I had a lot more to say than I thought I did, and I had more to get off my chest," he said. "The only thing I didn't harp on was my sobriety and the drugs. I didn't want to go there yet."

Backstreet is also planning a new release. When the group was in Stockholm, the guys sat down with Max Martin, who wrote and co-produced I Want It That Way, about working on the album.

"We definitely want to bring this new record back to great pop music, but still have that R & B influence. We've just got to come to terms with who we are now, and go back to the Millennium-type record."

-DEAN LISK

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Something for all over long weekend

Natal Day weekend is being marked by a number of events in the Halifax region, from parades to concerts. Here is a sampling of some of the goings on:

TODAY

● **Black Loyalist 225 Tribute Concert:** Performances by Harvey Millar, Muzzy Marshall, Steve Lawrence & Universal Language, Asia & NuGruv, and Edo King & Afro Musica. Queen's Landing Festival Tent, Halifax Waterfront. 3 p.m. to midnight. \$3

● **Joel Plaskett Emergency:** Concert along with Old Man Luedecke and Dave Marsh. Alderney Landing Outdoor Stage, Dartmouth Waterfront, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. \$16.95 and \$22.60. Call 1-888-311-9090 or visit ticketpro.ca

TOMORROW

● **Dingle Beach Party:** Celebrating the reopening of Dingle Beach. Sir Sanford Fleming Park. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

● **South End Beach Party:** Celebrating the reopening of the Black Rock Beach. Point Pleasant Park. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

● **Amateur Talent Show:** Contestants compete for \$2,000 in prizes. Alderney Landing Events Plaza, Dartmouth Waterfront. 2 p.m. to 9 p.m.

● **Dartmouth Concert:** Andrew Gillis & Jump Blue All-Stars perform. Sullivan's Pond, Dartmouth. 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

● **Blues Bash:** Shirley Jackson & The Good Rockin' Daddies, Joe Murphy & The Water Street Blues Band, Horsepower Blues Band, and The Twisters. Queen's Landing Festival Tent, Halifax Waterfront. 3 p.m. to



Joel Plaskett Emergency plays at Alderney Landing tonight

midnight. \$3.

● **Rock with the Fireworks:** Performance by the winner of the amateur talent contest, and Blueberry Grunt. Alderney Landing. 9:15 p.m. to 11 p.m.

● **Natal Day Fireworks:** Pyrotechnic display off the Macdonald Bridge. 10 p.m.

SUNDAY

● **Maritime Heart Centre MACPASS Miles:** Running races through the city. Angus L. Macdonald Bridge. 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. macpassmiles.com.

● **Freedom Festival Gospel Concert:** Performances by James Ogden, Chelsea Nisbett, Nova Scotia Mass Choir and others. Queen's Landing Festival Tent, Halifax Waterfront. Noon to 3 p.m.

● **Family Carnival:** Featuring pirates and kid's activities. Sullivan's Pond. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

● **Dartmouth Tea Party:** Refreshments hosted by Mayor Peter Kelly. Sullivan's Pond. 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

● **Halifax Concert:** Entertainment from The Doris Mason Band, Mike Cowie, Rasta Gumbo and others. Queen's Landing Festival Tent, Halifax Waterfront. 3:30 p.m. to midnight.

MONDAY

● **102nd Dartmouth Natal Day Road Race:** Two and six mile runs. Downtown Dartmouth. 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. fastcompanyrunningclub.ca.

● **Pancake Breakfast:** A free pancake breakfast put on by the volunteers from CFB Halifax and HMCS Halifax. Toll Plaza on the Macdonald Bridge in Dartmouth. 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

● **113th Pepsi Natal Day Parade:** Parade starts in the Hydrostone area and goes to Sullivan's Pond. 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

● **Natal Day Children's Concert:** Live entertainment. Lake Banook, Dartmouth. Noon to 3 p.m.

● **Natal Day Tea Party:** Mayor Peter Kelly hosts an

afternoon of music and refreshments. Public Gardens. 4 p.m. to 4 p.m.

● **Macdonald Bridge Walk:** A free public walk across the Macdonald Bridge. 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

● **Natal Day Tribute Night:** Dutch Robinson, Ruby Tuesday, Dirty Deeds and other tribute bands. Queen's Landing Festival Tent, Halifax Waterfront. 3 p.m. to midnight. \$3.

● **Lake Banook Family Concert:** Donna Scaglione & The Swell Guys, Andrew Gillis, Joe Murphy, Stuart MacLean and others. Lake Banook, Prince Albert Road 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

● **Sunset Ceremony:** Celebration of 250 years of democracy in Nova Scotia. Citadel Hill National Historic Site of Canada. 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

● **Fireworks:** Fireworks over Lake Banook in Dartmouth. 9:15 p.m.

For information, visit natalday.org

METRO HALIFAX**Website talk**

James Blunt

Blunt coming to Halifax: Report

CONCERT Pollstar, the concert website, is reporting that James Blunt will perform at the Halifax Metro Centre on Dec. 2. Opening for the singer will be Luke Doucet. Blunt released his latest album, All The Lost Souls, last year, and has a huge previous hit with his song, You're Beautiful. Official word on the concert is expected in the near future.

METRO HALIFAX**Puppet show****Grandma's Nod at Schoolhouse**

SHOW Grandma Nod's Tigers is being staged at the Old Red Schoolhouse in Peggy's Cove on Friday, Aug. 8, at 8 p.m. The puppet show will be performed by Halifax's Chris Little, who uses everyday and found objects to tell the story of a grandmother and her grandson. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased by calling (902) 823-2099.

METRO HALIFAX

Going Out

clubs

ARGYLE BAR AND GRILL:

Jazz night on Monday. 1575 Argyle St.

BEARLY'S: Roger Howse Band on Friday and Saturday. Carole Allison and Julia Brittain matinee on Saturday. Blues jam with Brad Conrad on Saturday. 1269 Barrington St.

BIG LEAGUES: The Beat of Halifax with Z103 on Friday. Under the Sun on Saturday. 4 Forest Hills.

BOOMERS LOUNGE: Ten Mile House on Sunday. 1725 Grafton St.

BUBBLES MANSION: DJ Savory on Friday. DJ Doug Phresh on Saturday. 5287 Prince St.

CELTIC CORNER: Live music on Friday and Saturday. Cape Breton Ceilidh on Sunday. 69 Alderney Dr.

CHEERS: Universal Language on Friday and Saturday. 1743 Grafton St.

COACH'S PUB: DJ Scott on Saturday. 552 Sackville Dr.

COLBY ALE HOUSE: Dave Goyetche Trio on Friday. 900 Cole Harbour Rd.

DAVE DOLITTLE'S: Karaoke on Friday and Saturday. 90 Tacoma Dr.

THE DOME: DJ Doug Phresh on Friday. World dance party on Saturday. 1663 Argyle St.

DUTCHIE'S PUB: Jeff Bonang and friends on Sunday, 4 p.m. 3671 Dutch Village Rd.

ECONOMY SHOE SHOP: Clas Larson Quartet with Katrein on Monday. 1661 Argyle St.

THE FIFE AND DRUM: Clam Chowder on Friday and Saturday. 1919 Upper Water St.

FINBAR'S: Reel East on Friday. Morgan Tobias on Saturday. Sunnyside Mall.

FOGGY GOOGLE: Stephen Fisher on Saturday. 1667 Argyle St.

GINGER'S TAVERN: Modern Citizen, Asonia and Cassie MacDonald, and Under the Parade on Friday. 1662 Barrington St.

GUS' PUB: Mike Simon and the Good Intentions on Friday.

Buttunknowhere on Saturday. 2605 Agricola St.

HALIFAX ALEHOUSE: The Metric System on Monday. Kapyr on Wednesday. 1717 Brunswick St.

HARBOURSIDE ROOM: Mike Cowie's Big Night Out Band on Friday through Sunday. Casino Nova Scotia.

THE JOLLY MUG: Dance and sing on Sunday. 15 Lakeland Rd.

LION'S HEAD TAVERN: Laurie the Guy on Friday and Saturday. 5833 Sullivan St.

LOWER DECK: Shameless and Signal Hill on Friday through Sunday. Historic Properties.

MARQUEE CLUB: Black Moor Benefit Show on Friday. 2037 Gottingen St.

MENZ BAR: DJ Needles and DJ Bear on Friday and Saturday. 2182 Gottingen St.

MICHAEL'S BAR & GRILL: Laurie the Guy on Sunday. Wednesday and Thursday. 6100 Young St.

MONTES: Frayed Knot on Friday and Saturday. Laurie the Guy on Tuesday. 245 Waverley Rd.

MY SON'S PLACE: Open mic with Low Rider Band on Sunday. 223 Wyse Rd.

NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB: Singles dance on Friday. 40 Wright Ave.

NICHE: Mike Cowie's Waterbabies Jazz Quartet on Friday and Saturday. 1505 Barrington St.

OAKMOUNT STATION: Pros vs. Joes karaoke on Saturday. 1717 Bedford Hwy.

O'CARROLL'S: Treo on Friday and Saturday. David Dobson on Sunday through Thursday. 1860 Upper Water St.

OLD TRIANGLE: Jimmy Sweeney and Kevin Roach on Friday and Saturday. Mike Forbes matinees on Saturday. Reel East on Sunday. 5136 Prince St.

OUR FRIEND'S PUB: Kitchen parties on



Deerfield performs with the Grass, Mountain Hobos, Chris Martin and the Troubleshooters on Friday at the Seahorse. The band will also appear at Gus' Pub on Sunday.

Monday. John Snyder on Thursday. 19 Norm Newman Dr.

THE PALACE NIGHTCLUB: DJ Smooth Steve on Friday. DJ Fierce on Saturday. 1721 Brunswick St.

PARKSIDE PUB: Dance DJ on Friday. RB Country Knights on Saturday. 14 Highfield Park Dr.

THE PAVILION: Tears From The Sky, Today I Caught The Plague, Man With Target, Moniker, and Urn of Ashes on Monday. Halifax Common.

PEDDLER'S PUB: DJ Mathematrix on Friday. Granville Mall.

POGUE FADO: The Saunders Brothers matinee on Saturday. 1581 Barrington St.

PORTER'S LAKE PUB: Z103.5 Dance Party no Friday. Eagles tribute show with Low Rider on Saturday. 5528 Highway 7.

THE RED FOX: Blue Monday Band on Friday and Saturday. Bayers Road Village.

THE RED STAG: Bob Lambert musical comedy on Saturday. 1496 Lower Water St.

REFLECTIONS: Housework: The Return of DRC on Friday. DJ Hed-Fones on Saturday. Mz Reflections Pageant on Sunday. 5184 Sackville St.

RÓDEO LOUNGE: Ryan Cook matinee on Friday. Fandango on Friday and Saturday. 121 Ilesley Ave.

THE SEAHORSE:

Paperlions, and Speedy Recovery on Saturday. Wheeler EP release with Andrew Hunter and the Gatherers, and Jason MacIsaac on Sunday. 1659 Argyle St.

THE SHORE CLUB: The Corvettes on Saturday. 250 Shore Club Rd.

THE SPLIT CROW: Scratch 45 on Friday and Saturday. The Plugs on Sunday. 1855 Granville St.

STAYNER'S WHARF: Jenny MacDonald on Friday. Derek & The Lads on Saturday. Jeff Goodspeed and friends on Sunday. 5075 George St.

TRIBECA: Famous Players on Friday. DJ Double A on Saturday. 1588 Granville St.

WINSTON'S: DJ Delta Don on Friday and Saturday. Karaoke on Wednesday. 278 Lacewood Dr.

ART-PORT GALLERY: Works by 12 local artists. Robert Stanfield International Airport.

CORRIDOR GALLERY: Polar: VANS members exhibition. Through Aug. 29. 1113 Marginal Rd.

CRAIG GALLERY: Works by Ron Hazall. Through Aug. 24. Alderney Landing.

DALHOUSIE ART GALLERY: Exalted Beings: Animal Relationships. Aug. 22 through Oct. 5. 6101 University Ave.

EYELEVEL GALLERY: Works by gallery members. 2063 Gottingen St.

FRED GALLERY: From New York to Nova Scotia, paintings by Lynda Diamond. Through Aug. 17. 2606 Agricola St.

HARBOURSIDE GALLERY: Una Casetta in Canada. Through Aug. 26. Asahi: Leveling the Playing Field. Through Sept. 2. Pier 21, 1055 Marginal Rd.

HYDROSTONE GALLERY: Cross-pollination, works by various artists. 5519 Young St.

GALLERY PAGE AND STRANGE: Works by various artist. Through summer. Granville Square.

MARY E. BLACK GALLERY: The Art of Collection. Through Sept. 4. 1061 Marginal Road.

MOUNT ST. VINCENT ART GALLERY: Works by Kyla Mallett.

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THE PEDWAY PICTURE GALLERY: Showing the Artists of Creative Spirit East. Through Aug. 7. Alderney Landing, Dartmouth.

QUEEN STREET STUDIOS: Work by Jeffery Baine. Through Aug. 26. 50 Queen St.

SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY ART GALLERY: Duet/Trio/Quartet by Andre Forster. Through Aug. 3. 5865 Gorsebrook Ave.

SECOND GALLERY: Recent works by gallery artists. Through summer. 6301 Quinpool Rd.

SEEDS GALLERY: Works by various artists from NSCAD University. 1892 Hollis St.

STUDIO 21: Contemporary art by various artists. Through summer. 1223 Lower Water St.

VEITH STREET GALLERY: Outsider art by Creative Spirit East. Through Aug. 7. 3115 Veith St.

VIEWPOINT GALLERY: Remnants, works by Sandy Caines. Through Aug. 3. 1272 Barrington St.

ZWICKER'S GALLERY: Works by various regional artists. Through summer. 5415 Doyle St.

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Jully Black performs tonight (Friday) at Casino Nova Scotia. Visit www.ticketatlantic.com for more information.



Nathan Wiley and Christina Martin will perform at The Carleton this Sunday night.

galleries

ANNA LEONOWENS: Works by various artists. Through summer. 5163 Duke St.

ART 1274 HOLLIS: Works by local artist. 1274 Hollis St.

ART GALLERY OF NOVA SCOTIA: Contemporaries, Tom Forestall paintings, and Nova Scotia folk art exhibition. Various dates. 1723 Hollis St.

Catch Vinylview while you can

Fine Art's Vinylview show, where old records were turned into works of art, continues through Monday.

METRO HALIFAX



Going Out

museums

DISCOVERY CENTRE: 100 Years: A Countdown to Life. Through September. 1593 Barrington St.

MARITIME MUSEUM OF THE ATLANTIC: Halifax vs. Louisbourg: The Final Siege. Through Sept. 1675 Lower Water St.

MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY: Green Legacy and Monarchs. Through Sept. 28. 1747 Summer St. PIER 21: Various exhibits. 1055 Marginal Rd.

theatre

BIRMINGHAM PORCH THEATRE COLLECTIVE:

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GRAFTON ST DINNER THEATRE: Mairi's Best Friend's Wedding. Through Oct. 5. Call 425-1961 for reservations.

HALIFAX FEAST DINNER THEATRE: Cape Breton Idle III. Through November. 1505 Barrington St. Call 420-1840.

SHAKESPEARE BY THE SEA: A Midsummer Night's Dream, Othello and Cinderella. Through August. \$15 suggested. Point Pleasant Park. Visit www.shakespearebythesea.ca or call 422-0295.

events

BELLA ROSE ARTS CENTRE: Drum! Sept. 12 through Oct. 12. Visit www.bellaroseartscentre.com.

GRAND PARADE: Tunes at Noon every Wednesday through Friday. Through Sept. 5.

HALIFAX METRO CENTRE: Backstreet Boys on Aug. 2. www.ticketatlantic.com.

PIER 21: Battle of the Atlantic musical performance on Friday, 6:30 p.m. 1055 Marginal Rd.

PUBLIC GARDENS: Summer concert series each Sunday, 1 p.m. Through Sept. 14. South Park St. and Spring Garden Rd.

YUK YUK'S: Peter Anthony on Friday and Saturday. For information and tickets, call 429-9857. Westin Nova Scotia.

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Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now**1 Life With My Sister Madonna, by Christopher Ciccone and Wendy Leigh**

She's one of the world's most popular entertainers, and amid rumours of marital strife comes a biography of Madonna by

her younger brother, Christopher Ciccone. Readers have panned Ciccone as coming across in Life With My Sister Madonna as whiny and carrying a sense of entitlement, but fans of the pop star will no doubt devour the book, written with Wendy Leigh, for its details — who knew she was frugal?

**5 Disturbia, by Rihanna**

In her new video for the song

Disturbia, Rihanna lets fans discover her dark side. The video plunges viewers into a strange universe that would rival one populated by shock rocker Marilyn Manson.

**2 Flats**

Flats are stepping back into the spotlight for this fall/winter season, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Moccasins and structured loafers are forecast to kick skyscraper heels aside for more sure-footed fashion.

3 18 to Life

A CBC-TV sitcom has been picked up by ABC. The show 18 to Life will star Stacey Farber of Deglassi: The Next Generation and Michael Seater of Life With Derek as 18-year-old newlyweds. CBC-TV says it's the first time a Canadian and U.S. network have teamed up for a half-hour prime-time comedy. "For the CBC to have ABC invest and collaborate in the pilot for an all-Canadian half-hour comedy series is truly remarkable," said Kirstine Layfield, CBC's executive director of network programming.

4 The Hills: The Complete Third Season

This DVD box set of the third season of the popular reality TV

show The Hills, featuring the lives, loves and dramas of Lauren Conrad, Heidi Montag, Whitney Port and Audrina Partridge, hit stores on Tuesday. The package includes interviews, commentary, deleted scenes and more.

**6 Patrick Swayze**

Kudos to actor Patrick Swayze for living life — he stepped out earlier this week to film the A&E series The Beast, his first acting gig since he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer earlier this year. No illness keeps Swayze in the corner.

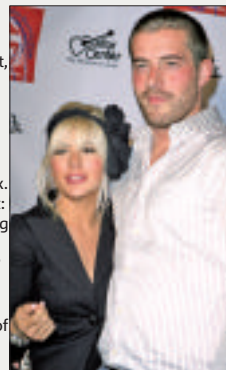
**7 Hollywood twin boom**

Actress Angelina Jolie just delivered fraternal twins, now comes news actress Rebecca Romijn is expecting a duo this winter. Singer-actress Jennifer Lopez welcomed Max and Emme earlier this year, as well. Is it something in the water?

... and what's not:

Ring-a-ding

Shayne Lamas, former fiancée of The Bachelor: London Calling's Matt Grant, is keeping the 2.85-carat Tacori diamond-and-platinum engagement ring he gave her on the show's finale. The aspiring actress says it's stored in a glass box. Grant, however, has a point: Why not auction off the ring and give the proceeds to charity? "Why hold onto it? What's the point?" People.com reports him as having said. "It's a symbol of marriage that didn't happen."



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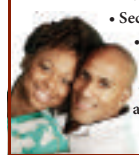


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Celebrity Buzz

Ryan, Rachel spark talk of reunion

RELATIONSHIPS Actors Ryan Gosling and Rachel McAdams have sparked speculation they are a couple again, after they were spotted going home together after the actor's recent DJ debut, imdb.com reports.

The former couple met on the set of the 2004 movie *The Notebook*, and enjoyed a two-year relationship until they split last year.

But the pair fuelled rumours of a reunion after they left Gosling's DJ set at Hollywood's Green Door club together-

er.

Gosling was allegedly heartbroken by the split, previously branding McAdams as "one of the great loves of my life."

He added that his relationship was nothing like that of his *Notebook* character's union, saying: "Rachel and my love story is a hell of a lot more romantic than that."

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Sarah's united front

RELATIONSHIPS Sarah Jessica Parker and husband Matthew Broderick put up a united front on a night out in New York following allegations he had an affair with a 25-year-old woman, the *Daily Mail* reports.

The couple emerged from a Midtown restaurant Wednesday night, with Broderick's arm wrapped around his wife as they smiled at photographers.

It's the first time

the pair, who have been married for 11 years, have been seen together since a magazine claimed he had a three-month relationship with another woman while she was filming the *Sex and the City* movie.

One source defended the couple, saying: "They have never had a conventional marriage, but it works for the two of them ... They are so private and hate all this silly gossip."

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Avril undergoes blond moment

MUSIC Avril Lavigne only hires brown-haired back-up dancers, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The singer insists on being the sole blond on stage when she performs live. "I wanted my girls to look really punk rock, with like, black hair and that's pretty standard for everyone, like Madonna and Mariah Carey," she reportedly said.

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

Wyclef Jean. It's awful when the bling bling bring brings a lawsuit.

Ryan Gosling and **Rachel McAdams** together again? I hope it's not true. To me, the seminal lyric in SNL's classic digital short *Lazy Sunday* is "I love these cupcakes like McAdams loves Gosling." It takes me back to that time of innocence that was 2005, when the Canadian actors' love was in its first blushing bloom. To attempt to recreate the magic that was late 2005 will more than likely result in an odour not unlike that which is created by reheating cabbage.

I really feel for **Matthew Broderick**. I'm sure SJP's Carrie Bradshaw voiceovers were getting to him. "You know when you wake up in the morning and you realize you've just been with a man who's decidedly NOT Mr. Big..."

Yeah, **Avril Lavigne**, there's nothing more punk than back-up dancers. **Joe Strummer** used to go on and on about the importance of back-up dancers and what colour hair they should have.

The Pistols actually broke up after the infamous Winterland Theater concert following an argument over which of the Ernest Flatt dancers they should hire away from the Carol Burnett Show. That was so punk.

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celebrity brief

Katherine not having kids yet

CONTROVERSY Kids for actress Katherine Heigl and new husband Josh Kelley? Not so fast, *People.com* reports.

"It's nothing that we're talking about right now," Lucas said. "We're pretty busy." Kelley, 28, spent the summer vacationing with Heigl, 29, and touring.

Heigl said in March she would like to have children sooner than Kelley — but she agreed that wasting their current career opportunities would be "foolish."

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Britney dating staffer?

RELATIONSHIPS Britney Spears is reportedly dating her bodyguard, *femalefirst.co.uk* reports.

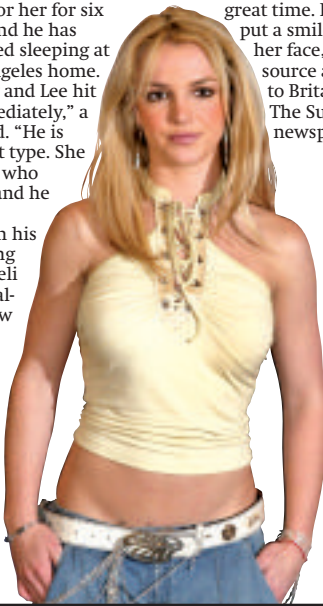
The pop star has been spending nearly every day with former soldier Lee, who has been working full-time for her for six months, and he has even started sleeping at her Los Angeles home.

"Britney and Lee hit it off immediately," a source said. "He is her perfect type. She loves guys who work out and he is in great shape from his days serving in the Israeli Army. He also has a few tattoos, which she loves. They've spent so much time together that one thing led to another and their relationship became physical."

The pair have been on holiday in Mexico together and Lee has been seen dancing around a hotel swimming pool with Spears.

"They've been having a great time. Lee's put a smile on her face," the source added to Britain's *The Sun* newspaper.

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Ralph's Place

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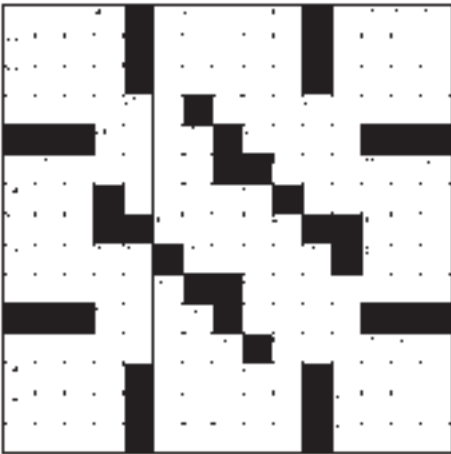
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Kardashian pushes for wedding

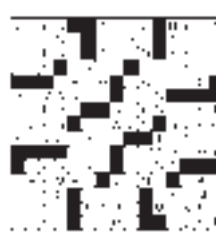
Hollywood socialite-turned-reality TV star Kim Kardashian is reportedly pressuring her boyfriend, footballer Reggie Bush, to propose — by getting a start on her wedding plans. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Take Five**Crossword down**

- 1 Incline
- 2 Nile wader
- 3 Contradict
- 4 Royal decrees
- 5 Ambling along
- 6 401(k) cousin
- 7 Archeological sites
- 8 Touchdowns
- 9 Follows upon
- 10 Bargain hunter, plus
- 11 Lotion ingredient
- 12 Incentive
- 13 Flower containers
- 21 Vacuum part
- 23 Horse's stride
- 25 Frighten
- 27 Deep fissure
- 28 Jeweler's lens
- 29 Theater backer
- 31 Attic end
- 32 Click "send" (hyph.)
- 33 Bulb planter
- 36 Army off.
- 37 Ballerinas' attire
- 41 Extreme slowness
- 44 Muesli and granola
- 45 Fortune-teller
- 47 Renoir model
- 50 Gets smart with
- 52 Turned pages
- 54 Colorful transfer
- 56 Rhapsodize
- 57 Toledo's lake
- 58 Wiener schnitzel base
- 59 He loved Lucy
- 61 Spare, maybe
- 62 Ferber or Best
- 63 Playwright — Coward
- 66 After expenses

Crossword across

- 1 Hop a train
- 5 Gnat
- 10 Jewelry-box catch
- 14 Still snoozing
- 15 Rigel's constellation
- 16 Dog food brand
- 17 1960s fashion
- 18 Long stories
- 19 Toe woe
- 20 Mind
- 22 Strong hitters
- 24 Playpen items
- 26 Animal that barks
- 27 Vintage, as a car
- 30 Attacks on a castle
- 34 Term of endearment
- 35 Make into law
- 38 Vagabond
- 39 Before Sept.
- 40 Faction
- 42 Meadow murmur
- 43 Glasses, slangily
- 46 "Little Jeannie" rocker
- 48 Casserole cover
- 49 Brawls
- 51 Luau strummer
- 53 Interpret tea leaves
- 55 Agree with
- 56 Inside-out
- 60 Straighten up
- 64 Field of study
- 65 Landscape
- 67 Rover's pal
- 68 Tiny bottle
- 69 Relieves
- 70 Ocean flier
- 71 Morays and congers
- 72 Paper cuts
- 73 Do business

previous day's answer**Horoscopes****AVATAR VENUS****ARIES****MARCH 21-APRIL 20**

A timid person is thunderstruck. A man thinks about your special encounter. A stunning story will be told to the wrong person.

TAURUS**APRIL 21-MAY 21**

A mystical man has the facts committed to memory. Someone is compelled to speak out. Cut-throat analysis works for an official.

GEMINI**MAY 22-JUNE 21**

You're able to bring things to conclusion. Be amused if accused of being starved for love. A good luck charm brings a major change.

CANCER**JUNE 22-JULY 22**

A man's loyalty results in lost sleep. A busybody hides the secrets of the past. Come to the rescue before a quarrel begins.

LEO**JULY 23-AUG 23**

Getting smart with a rival is asking for trouble. A jerk wants to give advice. Meeting a female does you some good.

VIRGO**AUG 24-SEPT 22**

When complications mount, make a call. Keep your eyes trained on the future. A marriage is discussed by a reliable person.

LIBRA**SEPT 23-OCT 23**

A mercenary friend provokes dismay. An exhausting project can ease business pressures. Drastic change is on the way.

SCORPIO**OCT 24-NOV 22**

Something drives pushy people to alienate others. Feeling undeserved guilt wastes time. A narcissistic buddy wants to visit with you.

SAGITTARIUS**NOV 23-DEC 21**

Don't deceive anyone, no matter how trivial the matter. An unexpected gift comes in handy. Compassion earns you some points.

CAPRICORN**DEC 22-JAN 20**

A man plans to clear the air. An argument will cause heartache. Meeting with a big mouth produces discomfort.

AQUARIUS**JAN 21-FEB 18**

Criticism provokes separation from a friend. Something wrong will be righted. Tell someone of your personal problems.

PISCES**FEB 19-MAR 20**

Be there when a friend whimpers. A tongue-tied man mends a broken heart. Poke around in someone's memories for the truth.

Sudoku

				2	4			
			1	7		5		
9	2	3			1			
2			9		1		3	
	9						5	
	7		4		5			8
		2				9	6	5
	1			8	9			
	9	3						

previous day's answer

9	3	6	2	5	7	4	8	1
2	5	4	8	6	1	3	7	9
8	1	7	4	9	3	2	6	5
5	9	8	3	2	6	7	1	4
6	7	3	9	1	4	5	2	8
1	4	2	5	7	8	6	9	3
4	2	5	7	8	9	1	3	6
3	6	9	1	4	2	8	5	7
7	8	1	6	3	5	9	4	2

HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

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22°

Tonight

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Saturday

40%
Showers.
24° / 16°

Sunday

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Showers.
21° / 14°



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Rain.
19° / 11°

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Low: 14.4°

Records
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Low: 10.5°/1989

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GL Sport model shown



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